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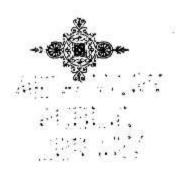
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TOKEN OF AFFECTION AND ADMIRATION

TO THE MEMORY OF

DENIS FLORENCE MACCARTHY.

TO THEE, O BARD, I DEDICATE THESE LAYS,

WEAK AND UNWORTHY THOUGH THE TRIBUTE BE,

I OFFER IT IN MEMORY OF THEE

WHO FIRST MY BOYHOOD'S FANCY SET'ST ABLAZE

WITH PURE IDEAS NONE BUT THOU COULDST RAISE—

WHO STIRRED'ST MY SOUL TO PREGNANT POESY;

THOUGH WEAK MY SAULTY MUMBERS, YET FROM THEE,

THOU MASTER BARD, FOUND THEY THEIR MEED OF PRAISE.

A PREACHER THOU OF PURE, UNSELFISH LOYE,

A MOBLE HATER OF ALL FRACT AND WEING,

WHAT JOY WITH THEE TO FLEP LIVE'S CARES ABOVE,

BORNE ON THE BREEZY PINIONS OF THY SONG!

AND HUMBLY I, FOR SONG-WREATHS MAD DIDST TWINE,

PRESENT THESE SWIFT-DECAYING FLOWERS OF MINE.

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TO THE MEMORY OF DENIS FLORENCE MACCARTHY.

"One of the sweetest singers and one of the purest and holiest beings that ever adorned our country."—Lord O'Hagan.

IN world of gloom, in rayless, misty regions
My struggling spirit dwelt,
And spectral Doubts in heart-benumbing legions
Round Hope's last embers knelt.

And there within that land of songless sorrow Ne'er pierced life-giving sun, But each succeeding dreary waste of morrow The monotone begun.

And oft, like captive yearning in his prison,
Whose free-winged thoughts may stray,
I pictured skies where radiant suns had risen
And birds sang sweet in May.