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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS
THE DUCHESS OF KENT,

THIS VOLUME OF POETRY

IS, WITH PERMISSION, INSCRIBED,

BY HER ROYAL HIGHNESS'S

MOST RESPECTFULLY ATTACHED
AND DEVOTED
HUMBLE SERVANT,

THE AUTHOR.

O Matre pulchra! Filla pulchrior!

SWEET, blooming floweret, nurtured in the shade,—
The hope of Israel,—mild, illustrious maid!—
On thee this Kingdom casts an anxious eye;
Fond expectation! Time may not belie.
And men contemplative would read, e'en now,
Upon the Virgin's pure and candid brow,
The embryo glories of a rising day,
Beneath a Woman's just and virtuous sway.
Oh! may the sordid minds that haunt a court,—
An empire's by-word, the reproach and sport,—
Ne'er cross thy path, their baneful doctrines fling,
Or taint a youthful genius at the spring!
On this terrestrial scene, in good or ill,
Few have the means, though most possess the will;
And still with sceptered Potentates must rest
The envied task, to make a people blest;
To rule with justice, and maintain the laws,—
Nor draw the sword in any odious cause;
To send the olive-token on the breeze
That wafts our commerce over distant seas,—

That noble mission of a heavenly birth,
Good-will towards mankind, and peace on earth ;
To aid the weak and fatherless in need,—
To protect all,—and leave to each his creed :
These are the attributes of grace divine ;
And such, we trust, fair Princess, may be thine !
Then shall Great Britain, in auspicious hour,
Screened by an *Ægis* of resistless power,
Strong in her wave-girt fortress, bold and free,
A chaplet weave to the Immortal Three !
While, with the tongue's yet legendary dress,
Quaint bards Eliza's wide renown express,—
And well-bred poets, in Horatian strain,
Record the deeds of Anna's classic reign,—
Future historians shall alike unfold
Annals as bright, in characters of gold,—
The halcyon era, fraught with joy and love,—
And their pen trace VICTORIA'S name above !

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