

O ! if in earthly forms there be
Aught which exists eternally !
O ! if to every soul is given
A calm, an intellectual heaven,
Where, freed from every earthly pain,
The lov'd, the lost shall meet again.
There let me meet my Helen dear,
Whose death made me a wand'rer here !
I see her as when first we met,
(Tho' 'twere happiness to forget,)
The tartan of the Cameron
Was loosely o'er her shoulders flung ;
Her hair was jet, her forehead high,
And tho' the Celt lurk'd in her eye,
Yet it but added a wild grace
To features of her mountain race ;
Her form to the majestic 'rose ;
Her breast, pure, as her mountain snows ;
Her soul, tho' it had felt few shocks,
Was like the torrent 'mongst her rocks,
Pure, but impetuous, yet was turn'd
To virtue, in her cause it burn'd ;
She knew no creed, yet scar'd away
The eagle hov'ring o'er his prey.
Hers was the land of rugged forms,
Of danger mid' careering storms,
Which tunc'd her soul to piety,
Or reverence of sublimity :
For she was nature's devotee,
From ev'ry human worship free.
She had a brother whom she lov'd,
But he our mutual friend surpris'd,