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GEORGE COSSINS.—In London Spectator.

She stands, with dusky head downbent,  
And gloomy eyes that spell despair,  
She who is old—yet young of face—  
She to whom fell the dark disgrace,  
Cain's evil brood to bear!  
She dreams of Nations long since dead,  
Of millions killed by fire and flood,  
And, tho' her parted lips are sweet,  
Beneath her slender, tired feet,  
Ran rivulets of blood!  
Misfortune met her at her birth;  
Her children bore the brand of Cain,  
Her lands the home of savage brutes,  
Of songless birds,—of bitter fruits,—  
Of slavery, and pain.  
Her wealth has tempted many men;  
But for herself not one has sighed;  
And lower bows the dusky head,  
From sombre eyes salt tears are shed.  
Of bitter wounded pride!

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