

The Tree of Death.

BY ELIZA COOK.

Let the king of the grave be asked to tell
 The plant that he loveth best,
 And it will not be the cypress tree,
 Though 'tis over the churchyard guest;
 He will not mark the hemlock dark,
 Nor stay where the nighshade spreads;
 He will not say 'tis the sombre yew,
 Though it springs o'er ske'eton heads;
 He will not point to the willow branch,
 Where breaking spirits pine beneath;
 For a brighter leaf sheds deeper grief,
 And a fairer tree is the tree of death.

But where the green rich stalks are seen,
 Where ripe fruit gush and shine,
 "This, this," cries he, "is the tree for me—
 The vine, the beautiful vine!
 I crouch among the emerald leaves,
 Gemmed with the ruby grapes;
 I dip my spear, in the poison here,
 And he is strong that escapes.
 Crowds dance around, with satyr bound,
 'Till my dart is hurled from its traitor sheath,
 When I shriek with gloe—no friend to me
 Is so true as the vine, the tree of death."

Oh! the glossy vine has a serpent charm,
 It bears an unblest fruit;
 There's a taint about each tendriled arm,
 And a cure upon its root
 Its juice may flow to warm the brow,
 And wildly lighten the eye,
 But the phrenzied mirth of a revelling crew
 Will make the wise man sigh:
 For the maniac laugh, the trembling frame,
 The idiot speech and pe-tulant breath,
 The shattered mind the blast'd frame,
 Are wrought by the vine, the tree of death

Fill fill the glass, and let it pass;
 But, ye who quaff! oh think
 That even the heart that lov'ss must loathe
 The lins that deeply drink
 The breast may mourn, o'er a close link torn,
 And the scalding drops may roll;
 But 'tis better to mourn o'er a pulseless form
 Than the wreck of a living soul.
 Then a health to the hemlock, the cypress and yew,
 The worm-hiding grass, and the willow-wreath;
 For, though shading the tomb, they fling not a gloom,
 So dark as the vine, the tree of death.

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