Which at mid-height thread the chancel wall, Loud sobs, and laughter louder, ran, And voices unlike the roice of man; As if the fiends kept holiday, Because these spells were wrought to-day. I cannot tell how the truth may be; I say the tale as 'twas said to me.

35. So sweet was Harold's piteous lay,
Scarce mark'd the guests the darken'd hall.
Though long before the sinking day,
A wondrous shade involved them all.
It was not eddying mist or fog,
Drain'd by the sun from fen or bog;
Of no eclipse had sages told;
And yet, as it came on apace,
Each one could scarce his neighbour's face,
Could scarce his own stretch'd hand behold.

Of Iris, when unfading it doth show
Beyond a silvery shower, was the arch
Through which this Paphian army took its march,
Into the outer courts of Neptune's state:
Whence could be seen, direct, a golden gate,
To which the leaders sped; but not half-wrought
Ere it burst open swift as fairy thought,
And made those dazzled thousands veil their eyes
Like callow eagles at the first sunrise.

That floats on high o'er vales and hills, When all at once I saw a crowd, A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine And twinkle on the milky way, They stre'ch'd in never-ending line Along the margin of the bay;

Ten thousand saw I at a glance, Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.