

TO MISS CRUDEN.

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FRIEND of my childhood ! still unchanged and kind !  
Thine be the inscriptive lay—Oh ! justly thine—  
Who, with more fondness, thro' the unfolding mind,  
Watch'd the gay beam of sportive Fancy shine ?

Who, when the world, with promised pleasure crown'd,  
Glow'd on the eager gaze of op'ning youth,  
Wishful to warn—reluctant still to wound,  
Half told its folly—half unveil'd the truth ?

ANN CUTHBERT KNIGHT.

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