

## POETRY.

## A WALK IN A CHURCHYARD.

FROM "POEMS" BY RICHARD CHENEVIX TRENCH.

We walked within the churchyard bounds,  
My little boy and I;  
He, laughing, running happy rounds—  
I, pacing mournfully.

"Nay, child, it is not well," I said,  
"Among the graves to shout,  
To laugh and play among the dead,  
And make this noisy rout."

A moment to my side he clung,  
Leaving his merry play,  
A moment stilled his joyous tongue,  
Almost as hushed as they.

Then, quite forgetting the command  
In life's exulting burst  
Of early glee, let go my hand,  
Joyous as at the first.

And now I did not check him more,  
For, taught by Nature's face,  
I had grown wiser than before,  
Even in that moment's space.

She spread no funeral pall above  
That patch of churchyard ground,  
But the same azure vault of love  
As hung o'er all around.

And white clouds o'er that spot would pass  
As freely as elsewhere;  
The sunshine on no other grass  
A richer hue might wear.

And, formed from out that very mould  
In which the dead did lie,  
The daisy, with its eye of gold,  
Looked up into the sky.

The rook was wheeling overhead,  
Nor hastened to be gone;  
The small bird did its glad notes shed,  
Perched on a grey headstone.

And God, I said, would never give  
This light upon the earth,  
Nor bid in childhood's heart to live  
These springs of gushing mirth,

If our one wisdom were to mourn,  
And linger with the dead,  
To nurse, as wisest, thoughts forlorn  
Of worm and earthy bed.

Oh no! the glory earth puts on,  
The child's uncheck'd delight,  
Both witness to a triumph won,  
If we but read aright;—

A triumph won o'er Sin and Death;  
From these the Saviour saves;  
And, like a happy infant, Faith  
Can play among the graves.

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