



THE EARLY TAKES.

With the choir in heaven.

I stood by the childless-A desolate pair-When, drest for the grave, Lay the sinless and fair, Who died like a lilly that roopson its stem,

And torn were my heart-strings in sorrow for them.

Out shone by the curls That the slumberer wore, Was the midsummer light Streaming in at the door; And clung to her lip a more delicate red Than tinted the rose-wreath encircling her More drear than a desert Where never is heard The singing of waters, Or carol of bird,

Are homes in this dark world of corrow and sin

Uncheered by the music of childhood withia.

> And round one frail blossom Your hopes were entwined-One daughter of beauty Affection made blind;

Before her ye saw a bright future outspread, But dreamed not of dirge-note or shroud for the dead.

Oh! blest is the spirit Unstained by the clod, That mounts, in the morn, Like a sky-lark to God:

A glittering host the new comer surround, And welcome the harp-strings of Paradisc sound.

> Ye stricken! oh think, While your wailing is wild, That above this dim orb, It is " well with the child!"

And pray for re-union with her ye have lost,

Where loves knows no heart-ache, the blossom no frost.



