
Most useful studies shall be known
In every hamlet, every town :
For this we stand in Edward's debt,
Who left thee with a pure regret.

Yes, he, as gentle goodness can,
Spake to, and heard the lowly man,
Encourag'd merit, ne'er so low,
And bade the wildest blossoms blow ;
He read those jingling accents wild,
Compos'd by me, when but a child ;
In which he saw the homely truth
Of patriot zeal, in humble youth ;
Confess'd them pleasing, ev'n to him,
And bade me still pursue my theme ;
Then with an heart, as good as brave,
Some tokens of his friendship gave,
With this injunction—" not to slight
" The infant muses lowest flight."
So the strong bird, that soars the sky,
Will learn its new-fledg'd brood to fly.

And more—he knew the generous part,
To cheer the lonely widow's heart ;
Her orphan son he made his care,
And snatch'd him from misfortune's snare ;
A bold, intrepid youth was he,
Whose forte was warlike deeds at sea ;