

I am verily your brother whom ye sold
In Egypt years ago. But be not grieved,
Nor angry with yourselves for such a deed ;
If ye are humbled now and penitent :
For God hath sent me hither to preserve
And nourish you, with all the nations 'round
Throughout these years of famine and distress.
At such a revelation all were dazed,
But scene on scene of all the mystic past,
In quick succession rushed upon their sight ;
And suddenly the truth broke on their minds ;
Their hearts almost dissolved, their knees were struck
With fear ; but Joseph fell upon the neck
Of Benjamin and wept aloud for joy.

II.

Then Reuben cried, " Marvel of marvels this !
We scarcely can receive such joyful news !
We are not worthy to be shown such love
And mercy from the hands of one so wronged !
We do deplore our sin, thy pardon crave,
And now reproach ourselves with keen regret,
And plead that Heaven may forgive our crime !"
Then Joseph with embrace and loving kiss,
Received them all within his gracious heart,
While 'round them hovered Heaven's angels bright,
Who, peace and love declared in accents mild.