When I think of my own native land, In a moment I seem to be there: But, alas! recollection at hand, Soon hurries me back to despair.

But the sea fowl has gone to her nest,
The beast is laid down in his lair;
Even here is a season of rest,
And I to my cavern repair.

There is mercy in every place,
And mercy (encouraging thought!).
Gives even affliction a grace:
And reconciles man to his lot.

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LESSON XXX.

SOLON AND ORCESUS.

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The name of Orcesus, the fifth and last king of Lydia, who reigned 557 years before Christ, has passed into a proverb to describe the posses-