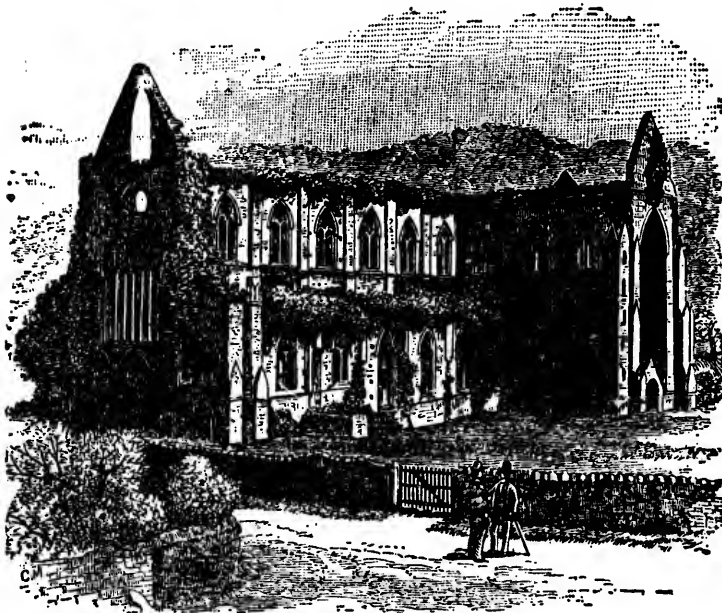


Nightingale," and Wordsworth's "We are Seven," "The Thorn," "The Last of the Flock," and "The Idiot Boy." The second volume contained four of the poems on Lucy, written in 1799. The remaining poem, which begins "I travelled among unknown men," seems to have been written about the same



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time, but was not published until 1807. These poems are of surpassing beauty, and the best of them are found in this collection. In the issue of 1800 were also included "Ruth," "Lucy Gray," "Matthew," "The Pet Lamb," and others.

If the first publication of the Lyrical Ballads was received with a mingled feeling of disregard and contempt, the Essay which accompanied the second volume aroused the rage of the critics; for it was a