

BYRON.

I hate the wise man just because he's wise ;
 I hate the fool for his stupidity ;
 I hate the wealthy and the great likewise ;
 I hate the meek for their humility ;
 All kinds of government I too despise ;
 Hate all mankind because they're not like me ;
 But there's one thing I love and never tire on,
 And that is saddening with the sad Lord Byron.

SHELLEY.

LIKE the zephyr breathing
 O'er Æolian strings,
 But the soul bequeathing
 Of its symphonings :
 Over the minstrel spirit move all lovely things.

VERGIL.

MOUNTING on pinion majestic to regions serene and lofty,
 Sweepeth the Mantuan swan o'er an ocean of melody onward.

HOMER.

UNDEVIATING and strong the career of his long-rushing gallop,
 Over the death-cumbered war-plain Pegasus forward advances.

SAPPHICS.

ALL the livelong day have I trod the meadow.
 Heard the sweet songs flow from the thicket near me,
 Saw the Spring unfolding her varied treasure
 Blossom by blossom.

Soft the breeze blew laden with dewy odors,
 Breathed from blown buds decking the merry May-time,
 And the rills ran shouting in freedom's gladness—
 Nature a child was.

But the scene soon changed as in sorrow changing ;
 Mighty clouds came forth from the courts of Phœbus ;
 Dimly flames flashed out as the throbbing thunder
 Rumbled reluctant.

Rain in torrents severed the awful twilight ;
 Fiercer lightnings blazed, and the thunders bellowed ;
 And the night rushed throned on her car of shadow
 Over the planet.

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