

POEMS.

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This poem is designed for youth. It shows the contrast between the characters of the lads John Jones and Thomas Black. The result of the course they pursued is marked in after life.

FIRST PART.

John Jones returns to his native town, and meets with his friend Thomas Black, after an absence of ten years.—Visits him and relates his misfortunes.

Well, my friend John, how do you do?
I never thought of seeing you ;
So many years you've been away,
'Tis strange to see you here to-day.

I am glad, Thomas, to see you ;
To me the town looks strange, 'tis true ;
So many changes here I see,
It does not seem like home to me.

No doubt, friend John, you must feel sad,
Dear friends are gone which you once had,
And strangers now their places fill,
Who for your welfare will not feel.

Together, when we were small boys,
We loved to share each other's joys ;
This evening come and visit me,
And tell how things have gone with thee.

I have a nice snug cottage home,
Where mother and I live alone ;
And thankful, too, I am to say,
I am not in debt, but pay my way.

So John went there at five o'clock,
And was welcomed by widow Black ;
When Thomas from his office came,
They felt 'twas good to meet again.