

Granada, where Queen Isabella first meets Columbus. The poem then follows the fortunes of Columbus till, dominant over every obstacle, he achieves his mighty task and unveils a new world to mankind. The following lines describing the crisis of the poem will indicate the author's method and mastery of his verse:—

“For hours Columbus kept
His anxious watch; the moaning winds
onswept,
All sail being shortened, slowly drave
his bark
Towards the west where all the sky
loomed dark.
But see! Columbus grasps with firm-
set hand
The bulwark of the prow: rigid as
death
His tall form towers erect, he holds his
breath
While gazing earnestly towards the
west,
His face is forward through the dark-
ness pressed,
All motionless, as if in deep amaze,
And all his life were centered in the
gaze.

“‘Tis so, indeed!’ with bated breath
he spake,
‘A flashing light doth through the
darkness break;
Some torch methinks! it is no meteor’s
light
That doth illumine the brow of ebon
night!
It moveth slowly! there, towards the
left,
Now is my vision of the beam bereft!
The bearer hath into some dwelling
passed!
Here land, inhabited, we reach at last.’
As rosy morn dispersed the gloom of
night,
The sailors saw, more clear, the coast
in sight;
The land desired they hailed as rose
the sun,
Their voyage long its splendid goal
hath won.”

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