Thy gay Noon glows with unoppressive beams,
And glitters on her winding streams;
Thy modest Evening draws the deep'ning shades
O'er her green hills, and bowery glades,
Till the fair Months, with saded charms,
Shrink in the chilly grasp of Winter's icy arms.

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But this highly-favoured year,
From thee with gifts peculiar sprung;
At thy command Autumna fair
Her golden vest o'er shiv'ring Winter slung;
And bid him his pale ling'ring hours
Gaily deck with fragrant flow'rs;
For his hoar brow matur'd the Violet wreath,
From his wan lip bid Pleasure breathe;
No more he blasts the plain, or warps the tide,
But throws his iron rod aside,
His soften'd gale serenely blows,
Till with Italia's charms hybernal Albion glows.

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