

## THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS DEATH.

There's no such thing as death,  
To those who think right;  
What most impedes his flight  
Is but one little act,  
Life's drama must contain;

One struggle keener than the rest,  
And then, an end of pain.

There's no such thing as death;  
That which thus is invented,  
Is but escaping from the chains  
That have so long imprisoned;

It's a mere hidden seat,

Piercing through the night,

To find in gentle reliance forth

Amid its kindred light.

There's no such thing as death;

In nature, nothing else;

From each, nothing else;

Such is the secret of many;

The faded but that falls,

All are but brown, to earth,

Even long will mingle with the shapes

That give the lowest birth.

There's no such thing as death,

The last the blossomings early,

Setting before the coming fruit,

Such is the secret of many;

The bud disclosed,

As comes the perfect flower;

The final exultation for eight,

And wondrous for power.

## VARIETY.

**TAXES OF WAR.**—There is no deadly affliction whither in the estimation of a selected husband, can equal the loss of a beloved wife. It is impossible to consider, except with much compassion, the melancholy state of one who has had such a part of himself torn from him, and which he misses in every circumstance of life. His condition is like that of every one who has lately lost his right arm, and is every moment obliged to let go of it with his hand. He does not appear to himself the same person in his house of habitation, in company, or in retirement; and loses the relish of all the pleasures and diversions that were before interesting to him by her participation. From this additional affliction, from the loss of pleasure in the society of one we love, is admirably described by Milton, who represents Eve, though in Paradise itself, no further pleased with these beautiful objects around her, than she sees them in company with Adam, in that passage incomparably charming:

"With thy conversing, I forget all time."

All seasons, and their changes, are alike.

Sweet is the breath of her rising sun;

With which she scatters her sweet perfume;

When first on this delightful land she spreads

Her golden beams, on herb, tree, fruit, and flower,

Glistening with dew; fragrant the fertile earth,

After soft showers; and sweet the songs of

Grateful evening mirth, and the bright light,

With which her son shineth, and this fair moon,

At her bright beams, her starry train,

Her brother's breath of morn when she ascends,

With cheer of earliest birds; nor rising sun,

Glistening with dew; nor dews of summer showers;

Nor grateful evening mirth, nor silent night,

With this her sunbeam, but nor walk by moon,

Or glittering star-light without this is sweet."

**Curious Antiquities.—Henry III. of France**

could not stay in the room where there was a faint

sound of silk, on his arrival he had a basket of silk sent him, and was plagued with them

all the time of the conference.

The Duke of Berry would not sit at the sight of a leveret.

Marie d'Albret could not endure a wild boar,

and when he was made to taste at the sight of a pig.

Ugolino King of Sicily could not

stand the sight of any birds, being greatly aghast.

These stories trouble us at the sight of water crosses;

They make his limbs sink under him when

he is not either a hare or a fox.

Bacon swooned at an eclipse of the moon;

and when he saw the sun rise from a cusk,

he could not endure the sight

of a king's hand, which gives so much in knightly

armour, that he would run the point of his sword

to avoid it if he should see it.

Le Marche D'Albret could not

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