

III.

Have I been guilty of some lapse or sin?
Have I thy gentle bosom made to feel
Some hurt, by aught allowed to steal
Its venom'd way, and show itself within
Some message from my heart, designed to win
A greater measure of thy love, for weal?

IV.

If I have err'd thus, thou knowest well
Belov'd, 'tis not I would give thee pain
Intending it; I rather would refrain
From speech or written word than I would tell
Thee aught that might a tear or sigh compel,
Or even give thee reason to complain.