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Now the great father gave the nod,
And lo ! a flood of glory hid the God.
While the celestials veil'd their eyes,
A spark emitted pierc'd the skies,
And swifter flew than light'ning flies;
Which, touching earth,
Gave instant birth
To love unfelt before, and boundless charities.
On Gaul it fell ; at once it blaz'd ;
At once the human mind was rais'd :
The philanthropic passion burst,
The laws, the rights of man maintain'd,
Tyrants of every kind were crus'd,
And nought but love fraternal reign'd :
Love and freedom shall abound,
Not limited to nations round ;
Peru's oppress'd and blood-stain'd shore
Shall wear the tyrant's chain no more ;
Asia's sons Jove's gifts shall share ;
Nor thou, poor African despair ;
Thy Clarkson shall not cease to plead for thee,
Till av'rice blush, and learn humanity.