



Felicity in things below;

But now, O pow'r supreme, I see, Â  
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True happiness resides with thee.

With thee, whose wisdom guides on high

The worlds of light that gild the sky,

And made this earth, a place of pain,

A mix'd unsatisfying scene. Â  
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Let wealth have wings, and friends profest

Stab the sincere unguarded breast;

Preferment's golden show be shed

On *Clodio's* undeserving head.

Or Calumny's envenom'd dart Â  
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Transfix me in the tenderest part;

Since no distress in time or place,

Can make eternal goodness cease,

In God alone my raptur'd mind

Unmix'd felicity shall find. Â  
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#### NOTES:

**11** *calumny* – False charge, slander (OED).

**Â 15** *vale* – A dale or valley (OED).

**Â 16** *gale* – A song; merriment (OED).

**22** *palsy'd* – Affected with palsy, trembling, tottering (OED).

**25** *probity* – Moral integrity, decency (OED).

**29** *Corvus* Latin for raven. May also refer to a raven in Greek mythology known as a trickster and thief.

**44** *Clodio* Unable to trace.

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