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Selecting from the sweetest flow¹rs, the Bee
Roves, unrestrain²d, the perfum³d walks among;
I cull Parnassus⁴ giddy heights for thee,
Or sing thy praises in the love-sick song.

Sometimes, mayhap, in melancholy
mood,⁵

Contemplative, the desert paths I range;
And watch the parting sun-beams o⁶er the wood,
The leafless branches, and autumnal change.

In my sad heart alone no change appears;
Of ev⁷ry thought thy image is the
end;⁸

I wander through a wilderness of tears,
Bereft of thee, and ev⁹ry earthly friend.
Will then my heavy suff¹⁰rings never cease,
But lies in death my only road to peace?

NOTES:

² *Roves* – To wander, roam (QED).

³ *Parnassus* – Mount Parnassus, regarded as the source of literary, esp. poetic, inspiration (QED).

⁵ *mayhap* Perhaps.

¹² *Bereft* – Forcibly deprived (QED).

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