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Selecting from the sweetest flowers, the Bee
Roves, unrestrained, the perfumed walks among;
I cull Parnassus' 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 o'er the wood,
The leafless branches, and autumnal change.

In my sad heart alone no change appears;
Of every thought thy image is the end; 10
I wander through a wilderness of tears,
Bereft of thee, and every earthly friend.
Will then my heavy sufferings never cease,
But lies in death my only road to peace?

NOTES:

2 *Roves* "To wander, roam" (*OED*).

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

5 *mayhap* Perhaps.

12 *Bereft* "Forcibly deprived" (*OED*).

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