



The next rolls on, and leaves me still opprest.  
But, oh! swift-footed Time, thou ceaseless racer, 35  
Thou who hast chac'd five thousand years before thee,  
With all their great events, and minute trifles,  
Haste, with redoubled speed, bring on the hour,  
When dark Oblivion's dusky veil shall shroud  
Too painful Memory. — 40

**NOTES:**

**15** *Lethan* "Pertaining to the river Lethe; hence, pertaining to or causing oblivion or forgetfulness of the past" (*OED*).

**16** *Somnus* Roman god of sleep.

**23** *thrift* "Means of thriving; industry, labour; profitable occupation" or "prosperous growth; physical thriving" (*OED*).

**38** *Redoubled* "To double (a thing) for a second or further time; (also) to double repeatedly" (*OED*).

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