

In Memoriam

(James Montgomery 1771–1854)

Suggested by the death of James Montgomery, the “bard of Sheffield,” another of the “Wanderers of Switzerland.”

Sheffield today is still,
Her bard has passed away;
The forge, the factory, the mill
Rest mournfully today!

In the cold arms of death
The “Wanderer” lays him down,
Exchanging a terrestrial wreath,
For a celestial crown.

Montgomery’s harp hath ceased;
The magic of its strain
Is hushed, and nature’s great high priest
Shall wake it not again.

“Servant of God! well done;
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master’s joy.”