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When you stood in silence smiling,
All my heart and hopes beguiling,
Did you know the sad undoing
Of my life and love, accruing
From your wanton, willing trifling?

When you sang in girlish gladness
Freeing pain and soothing sadness,
Did you dream the full oblation
That I poured in joy's station
Each distrustful whisper stifling?

When you lent your lips to tempting
No device or art exempting,
Did you know the sudden loathing
All my thoughts and fancies clothing
Of fair beauty and your charming?

When your eyelids drooped in shyness,
As you listened to my address,
Did you dream the new creation
Of my trust; and Hope's dilation
All my scorn and wealth disarming?

Thus I waver, often changing;
From belief to scoffing ranging;
Circe—Una; which the true one
As one doubt dissolves a new one
Springs again my torments raising.

Ah beloved, now unvelling
(And my woe or bliss unsealing)
Grant, I pray, a revelation
That my tearful lamentation
May be turned to tuneful praising.

BOSWELL'S LIFE OF JOHNSON.

Perhaps there never entered the streets of London, two such candidates for future fame, as on the day when Samuel Johnson, and his pupil David Garrick came up from their native town to win for themselves a place in the great city. Heretofore, we find Johnson struggling with adversity, with bodily disorders, disfigurement, disease and the most grinding poverty. We see the relinquishment of his degree upon the death of his father, his marriage to a widow older than himself, their failure to establish a school, and his departure for London, after sending his beloved "Tatty," to the care of her friends. Here surrounded by the most trying and disheartening circumstances, he meets Boswell his future servant, worshiper, and biographer. The man, who by nature was impertinent, hallow, pedantic, a bigot, a sot bloated with family pride, seville—crouching at the feet of his master, a vain coxcomb, who call all the printer boys to view his gay dress when he has come from being presented at court, one who proclaims himself to the world as a tatter and eavesdropper.

Johnson said of him that he missed his only chance of being immortal by not living when the Dunciad was living. Macaulay denies to him the least particle of