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(Sweet as the fragrance of a fresh bud-rose). Comes with a gentle cadence in its tone, And speaks of friendship she is pleas'd to own: To hear this is for me Supreme felicity,

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(Books that can tell such charming histories, Bright orbs where dwell such wond rous mys-And watch them melt, and drops of crystal

bleed. At a sad story, or at some brave deed, Emit quick sparks of fire, Must make true souls aspire To high emprise !

To see her turn and speak To some poor cripple beggar in the crowd, With simple grace, her thoughtful features

In humble def'rence to his wretched state-To mark her precious sympathy elate. The broken castaway, Might move lost souls to pray For one so meek.

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