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Time is Passiog

| Time is passing, who can stay it 1Onward, onward speed its way; Wealth, nor name, nor pow'r delay it, Nought on earth its flight can staySwift its chariot wheels are fying, Drawn by giant steeds afar j , i ;Men and women round are dy, Cruahed beneath the pond'rouse carTell us time, why with such haste, Dost thou seek the unknown waste? In the wreck of hy-gone years,Far back on the past's dark shoro, To my atricken soul appears,Friends and cottage home once more: Lovely waters pour their streams;Mountain airs their treasures lend, Mingling thoughts like angel dreams;Cypress trees known graves have faded. Once I knew a lovely flower, Dear to memory is the hour, I firat gazed with wond'ring eyesOn its beauteous colors, shining Ae the dew drops bathed itsbrow :'er that lovely flower now;Earth hath ta'en it to her breast, Wanaering onward to and fro,O'er tifeges stormy desert drear ; O'er hife's stormy desert drear ;Pouring in the cup of woe, Drops diatilled from mis'ry's tear;Here a joy and there a sorrow, Now in peace and now in strife,Bright to day and darls to-marrow Marks the page of human life; $;$;Thus does man, vile passion's slave, Ifasten onward to the grave. Tell us not, oh Time ! that never,Rolling on thy dusty Thou dost rudely true hearts sever, O'er the boul a chaos nling, Poisoned as the serpent's ating, Pluck the jewel from the heart, Dost thou hasten, Time, to flyFar beyond thesc deserts drear, Far beyond these deserts drear, And the heart distills no tear 7 Beyond the moon and ev'ry star?Where thy footsteps iend, oh Time! In the ethereal regions far; Hasten then, of Time! thy flight Solit as is thy onward race,Is too slow for hearts whose blightLeaves with every hour its trace; Mirth provoking pleasure may, For a moment ghed the light,O'er the wand'rer's dreary way, Cheering up his darkest nighBut the silence of the dust, ancabteb, Oct. 4, 1853. |
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