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Trom sickly dream, sad Leonor'
Upstarts at morning's ray:
"Art faithlefs, William? — or no more? How long wilt bide away?"
He march'd in Fred'rick's warlike train,
And fought on Prague's ensanguin'd plain; Yet no kind tidings tell
If William speeds him well.

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With eager speed the mother flies:
"God shield us all from harms!
What ails my darling child?" she cries,
And snatch'd her to her arms.
"Ah, mother, see a wretch undone!
What hope for me beneath the sun!
Sure heav'n no pity knows!
Ah me! what curelefs woes!"

The king and fair Hungaria's queen At length bid discord cease; Each other eye with milder mien, And hail the grateful peace. And now the troops, a joyous throng, With drum and uproar, shout and song, All deck'd in garlands fair, To welcome home repair.

3.

On ev'ry road, on ev'ry way, As now the crowd appears, See young and old their path belay, And greet with friendly tears. "Praise God!" each child and matron cry'd; And, "Welcome;" many a happy bride: But, ah! for Leonor' No kifs remains in store! "Celestial pow'rs, look gracious on! Haste, daughter, haste to pray'r. What heav'n ordains is wisely done, And kind its parent care." "Ah, mother, mother, idle tales! Sure heav'n to me no kindnefs deals. O, unavailing vows! What more have I to lose?"

7.

"O, trust in God! — Who feels aright Must own his fost'ring care;
Änd holy sacramental rite, Shall calm thy wild despair. "
"Alas! the pangs my soul invade, What pow'r of holy rite can aid? What sacrament retrieve The dead, and bid them live?"

From rank to vank, now see her rove,
O'er all the swarming field;
And ask for tidings of her love,
But none could tidings yield.
And when the bootlefs task was o'er,
Her beauteous raven-locks she tore;
And low on earth she lay,
And rav'd in wild dismay.

Perchance, dear child, he loves no more; And, wand'ring far and wide,
Has chang'd his faith on foreign shore, And weds a foreign bride.
And let him rove and prove untrue;
Erelong his gainlefs crimes he'll rue.
When sonl and body part,
What pangs shall wring his heart."

"Ah', mother, mother, gone is gone! The past shall ne'er return!
Sure death were now a welcome boon: O, had I ne'er been born!
No more I'll bear the hateful light:
Sink, sink, my soul in endlefs night!
Sure heav'n no pity knows.
Ak me! what endlefs woes!"

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Now hark! a courser's clatt'ring tread Alarms the lone retreat: And straight a horse-man slacks his speed; And lights before the gate. Soft rings the bell, — the startled maid, Now lists, and lifts her languid head; When lo, distinct and clear, These accents reach her ear.

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"Help, heav'n, nor look with eye severe On this deluded maid, My erring child in pity spare, She knows not what she said. Ah, child, all earthly cares resign, And think of God and joys divine. A sponse celestial, see: In heav'n he waits for thee. " "What, ho! what, ho! ope wide the door! Speak, love; dost wake or sleep?
Think'st on me still? — or think'st no more? Dost laugh, dear maid, or weep?"
"Ah! Williams voice! so late art here?
I've wept and watch'd with sleeplefs care, And wail'd in bitter woe! Whence com'st thou mounted so?"

11.

"O, mother, what are joys divine? Yhat hell, dear mother, say?
T'were heav'n, were dearest William mine; 'Tis hell, now he's away.
No more I'll bear the hateful light: Sink, sink, my sonl in endlefs night? All blifs with William flies; Nor earth, nor heav'n I prize!"

12.

Thus ray'd the maid, and mad despair

15.

"We start at midnight's solemn gloom, I come, sweet maid, from far.
In haste and late I left my home; And now I'll take thee there!"
"O, bide one moment first my love, Chill blows the wind athwart the grove; And here, secure from harm, These arms my love shall warm."

16.

Let blow the wind and chill the grove; Nor wind, nor cold I fear.
Wild stamps my steed; come, haste, my love: I dare not linger here.
Haste, tuck thy coats, make no delay;
Mount quick behind, for c'en to-day, Must ten-score leagues he sped To reach our bridal hed!"

Shook all her tender frame; She wail'd at providential care, And tax'd the heav'ns with blame. She wring her hands and beat her breast, Till parting day-light streak'd the West; Till brightest star-light shone Around night's darksome throne.

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"What, ten-score leagues! canst speed so far, Ere morn the day restore? Hark! hark! the village clock I hear: — How late it tells the hour!" "See there, the moon is bright and high, Swift ride the dead! — we'll bound, we'll fly. I'll wager, love, we'll come, Ere morn, to bridal home."

18.

"Say, where is deck'd the bridal hall? How laid the bridal bed?"
"Far, far from hence, still, cool and small; Six planks my wants bestead."
"Hast room for me?" "For me and thec!
Come, mount behind, and haste and see. E'en now the bride-mates wait, And open stands the gate."

21.

Now knell and dirges strike the ear; Now flaps the raven's wing; And now a sable train appear; Hark! "Dust to dust," they sing. In solemn march, the sable train With bier and coffin crofs the plain. Harsh float their accents round: Like night's sad bird the sound.

22.

"At midnight's hour, the corpse be laid In soft and silent rest! Now home I take my plighted maid, To grace the wedding feast! And, sexton, come with all thy train, And tune for me the bridal strain. Come, priest, the pray'r bestow, Ere we to bride.bed go!"

19.

With graceful ease the maiden sprung Upon the coal-black steed,
And round the youth her arms she flung,
And held with fearful heed.
And now they start and speed amain,
Tear up the ground and fire the plain;
And o'er the boundlefs waste
Urge on with breathlefs haste.

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Now on the right, now on the left,

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The dirges cease — the coffin flies, And mocks the cheated view; Now rattling dins around him rise, And hard behind putsuc. And on he darts with quicken'd speed: How pants the man! How pants the steed! O'er hill, o'er dale they bound: How sparks the flinty ground!

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On right, on left, how swift the flight Of mountains, woods and downs ! How fly on left, how fly on right, The hamlets, spires and towns ! "Art frighted, love? — the moon rides high. What ho! the dead can nimbly fly ! Dost fear the dead, dear maid?" "Ah leave, ah leave the dead !"

As o'er the waste they bound, How flies the heath! the lake! the clift! How shakes the hollow ground! "Art frighted, love? the moon rides high, What, ho! the dead can nimbly fly! Dost fear the dead, dear maid?" "Ah, no. — why heed the dead!"

Lo, where the gibbet scars the sight, See round the gory wheel,
A shadowy mob, by moon's pale light, Disport with lightsome heel.
"Ho, hither, rabble! hither come;
And haste with me to bridal home. There dance in grisly row, When we to bride- bed go!"

26.

He spoke, and o'er the cheerlefs waste The rustling rabble move.
So sounds the whirlwind's driving blast Athwart the wither'd grove.
And on he drives with fiercer speed,
How pants the man! how pants the steed!
O'er hill and dale they bound;
How sparks the flinty ground !

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Two folding grates the road belay, And check his eager speed;
He knocks, the pondrons bars give way, The loosen'd bolts recede.
The grates unfold with jarring sound;
See, new - made graves bestrew the ground, And tomb-stones faintly gleam, By moon-light's palid beam.

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And now, O, frightful prodigy! (As swift as light'ning's glare)
The rider's vestments piece-meal fly, And melt to empty air!
His poll a ghastly death's-head shews,
A skeleton his body grows;
His hideons length unfolds,
And sithe and glafs he holds!

27.

And all the landscape, far and wide, That 'neath the moon appears;
How swift it flew, as on they glide! How flew the heav'ns, the stars!
"Art frighted, love? — the moon rides high.
What, ho! the dead can nimbly fly! Dost fear the dead, dear maid?"
"O, heav'ns! — Ah, leave the dead!"

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"The early cock, methinks I hear: My fated hour is come!

31.

High rear'd the steed, and sparks of fire From forth his nostrils flow;
He paw'd the ground in frantic ire, And vanish'd from the view.
Sad howlings fill the regions round;
With groans the hollow caves resound;
And death's cold damps invade The shudd'ring, haplefs maid!

52.

And lo, by moon-light's glimm'ring ray, In circling measures hie The nimble sprites, and as they stray, In hollow accents cry: "Though breaks the heart, be mortals still; Nor rail at heav'n's resistless will. And thou, in dying pray'r, Call heav'n thy soul to spare!"

Methinks I scent the morning air:

Come, steed, come haste thee home! Now ends our toil, now cease our cares. And, see, the bridal house appears. How nimbly glide the dead! See, here, our course is sped!

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Rodolph, in paternal hall, Breath'd from war's destructive scene. Rodolph, prompt at glory's call, Rodolph, dread of hostile Gaul, Dread of Moor of swarthy mien.

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Ite a gallant son deplores, Last of all his noble stem: Whilst, amid the mofs-grown tow'rs, As his tender wail he pours, Echo wafts the mournful theme.

5.

Agnes, deck'd with golden hair, Props his age and stills his sigh; Mild as dove, as lambkin fair, Soothes a parent's sad despair, Wipes the tear that dims his eye.

7.

Raymond marks the tender dame, Eyes askance his shining blade; Love and rage his cheek inflame, And his eye-balls wildly gleam, And around their fury shed.

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Straight his gauntlet, threat'ning war, On her virgin lap he laid: "Take it Albert, and repair "Neath the mill; — I'll wait thee there" Swift he mounts and scours the mead.

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Albert hears the fierce defy, Mounts his steed to seek the foe; Proud the graceful tear to spy Trickling from the maiden's eye; — Love and honour bade it flow.

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Yet, herself in silent woe, Pines by moon-light's solenn gleam: Albert with the polish'd brow, Breathes for her the tender vow, And fair Agnes sighs for him.

5.

Haughty Raymond, at whose side, Five score martial youths appear; Swells with vain heraldic pride, Vaunts his trophies far and wide, And old Rodolph held him dear:

6.

Albert once, on festive day, Kifs'd her hand as lily fair; Agnes eyes, in soft dismay, Chiding frowns would fain betray; --But they only shew'd a tear!

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Red their burnish'd arms appear, Gleaning in the setting sun. Hark! their coursers fierce career Shakes the plain; the frighted deer To their inmost covert run.

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Agnes, from the castle wall, Cast a wistful look beneath. Boding fears her heart appal; Straight she saw her Albert fall; — Saw, — and clos'd her eyes in death.

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Back the victor falt'ring hies,-(Anxious doubts his breast invade) Hears the wail of woe arise, To the fair - one's chamber flies; — Starts, — and falls upon his blade.

15. Rodolph snatch'd his darling care, Held her to his throbbing breast; Torpid, lost in dumb despair, Clasp'd the cold unconscious fair Two long days, -- then sunk to rest

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And now, as oft the maid I greet,

All lost in soft surprise, I thank my stars, begin to sigh, Then own her conquiring eyes. And while I gaze my wits away, And fondly blefs my fate; My captive heart bespeaks her sway, And flutters pit-a-pat!

2.

At first, perchance, the bashful fair To love is disinclin'd: So let her be, - I little care, Ere long she grows more kind: For soon we smiling looks impart, Soon toy and flirt and chat; Then love invades her yielding heart, And mine beats pit - a - pat!

Her hand I softly prefs; And oft the gentle squeeze repeat, Oft taste a rifled kils. While silent joys each bosom charm, And check our am'rous chat, Each heart beats high to love's alarm, And flutters pit - a - pat!

4.

To him who ne'er such rapture proves, How cheerlefs wears the day! ---How poor the wretch that never loves, Nor yields to beauty's sway! O, may the heart of softer frame To nought but pleasure beat, When all alive to love's dear name, It flutters pit-a-pat1

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In gurgling eddies roll'd the tide, The wily angler sat Its verdant willow'd bank beside, And spread the treach'rous bair. Reclin'd he sits in careless mood, The floating quill he eyes; — When, rising from the opening flood, A humid maid he spies.

5.

"The sun, the lovely queen of night, "Beneath the deep repair; "And thence, in streamy lustre bright, "Return more fresh and fair. "Nor tempts thee yon ætherial space, "Beting'd with liquid blue? --"Nor tempts thee not thy pictur'd face, "To bathe in worlds of dew?"

She sweetly sung, she sweetly said,
As gaz'd the wond'ring swain;
"Why thus with murd'rous arts invade
 "My placid harmlefs reign?
"Ah, didst thou know, how blest, how free
 "The finny myriads stray,
"Thou'dst long to dive the limpid sea,
 "And live as blest as they."

4.

The tide in gurgling eddies rose, It reach'd his trembling feet: His heart with fond impatience glows The promis'd joys to meet. So sung the soft, the winning fair: Alas! ill-fated swain! — Halfdragg'd, half pleas'd, he sinks with her And ne'er was seen again!

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"What melting strains salute my ear, Without the portal's bound?
Page, call the bard; — the song we'll hear Beneath this roof resound."
So spake the king; — the stripling hies;
IIe quick returns; — the monarch cries,
"Old man, be welcome here!"

4.

"Be far from me the golden chain; Ill suits the proffer'd meed. To some bold knight 'mid yonder train, Be then the gift decreed. Or, let the upright chancellor The load, with other burdens, bear: To me such gift were vain!"

2.

"Hail, mighty chiefs of high renown;

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"As chants the bird on yonder bough,

Hail, beauteous matchlefs dames,
Whose smiles the genial banquet crown,
Whose glance each breast inflames!
Ah, scene too bright! with down - cast eyes,
In haste I check my fond surprise,

• My rash presumption own!"

3.

With down-cast looks, the song he rear'd;
The full-ton'd harp reply'd:
The knights grew fierce, their eye-balls glar'd;
Each tender fair-one sigh'd.
The king applauds the thrilling strain,
And straight decrees a golden chain,
To deck the tuneful bard.

So flows my artlefs lay; And well the artlefs strains that flow, The tuneful task repay. Yet, dare I ask, this boon be mine; A goblet fill with choicest wine, — On me the draught bestow."

6.

He lifts the cup and quaffs the wine.
"O, nectar'd juice, "he cries,
"O blest abode, where draughts divine, Unvalued gifts ye prize!
Ah, thank your stars, with heart as true,
'Mid all your joys, as I thank you, For this rich cup of wine!"



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Seated on his sedgy mat,
See the honour'd dead;
All erect, as erst he sat,
Ere his spirit fled.
Where is now his sturdy gripe?
Where his manhood's bloom?
Where the breath, that from his pipe,
Puff'd the votive fume?

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There, in ev'ry tangled brake Throng the feather'd brood; Fishes swarm the lucid lake; Game, the tufted wood; There with happy souls he cats, Quaffs his bev'rage there; While we sing his valiant feats, And his grave prepare.

2.

Where his eye, that o'er the plain,

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Bring the gifts, the last sad boon;

Mark'd the rein-deer's way? Sharper than the falcon's ken Beam'd its piercing ray. Where the leg, whose ample stride, Brush'd the driven snow? Fleet as stag, the woodland's pride, Fleet as mountain roe!

5.

Where the arm, whose peerlefs might Bent the stubborn bow?
(Death has clos'd his eyes in night;)
Nervelefs hangs it now!
Cease the plaint; he soars above,
Far from snow and hail;
Rambles o'er the shady grove,
Breathes the heathful gale. Songs funereal raise.

In his silent grave be thrown Aught the dead can please. 'Neath his head, the hatchet lay, Ting'd with hostile blood; Bring the grim bear's brawny thigh; Long's the dreary road!

6.

Bring the knife, whose sharpen'd blade
Scalp'd the prostrate foe.
O'er his grave the scalps be laid,
Rang'd in gristy row.
Store his hand with colours meet,
Ere he take his flight;
That his shade the ghosts may greet,
Beaming crimson'd light!



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Sure not to life's short span confin'd, Shall sacred friendship glow; Beyond the grave, the ardent mind Its best delights shall know.

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Blest scenes! where ills no more annoy, Vyhere heav'n the flame approves; Where beats the heart to nought but joy, And ever lives and loves! There friendship's matchless worth shall shine, (To hearts like ours so dear!) There angels own its pow'r divine; Its native home is there!

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For here below, the' friendship's charm, Its soft delights display; Yet souls like ours, so touch'd, so warm, Still pant for brighter day!

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1. See, dear maid, in silent languor, Beauteous Nature droops her head. While the dews of eve descending, Cool the dappled fragrant mead. Already the soft trilling songsters, That wak'd the gay grove are asleep; Already the sun's parting splendour Illumines the far distant deep.

2. -So my day's faint taper glimmers, Fades and sinks and dies away; Thus the song of rapture ceases, Thus my fondest hopes decay. Ah, since then hast left me to sorrow, I rove the wild desert alone; My check, that was whilem so ruddy, Is wan as the gleam of the moon.

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3. When a wreath I fain would twine thee, From the bloomy rose-bush torn, (Meet to deck thy flowing trefses,) Deep I felt the pungent thorn, Sure this my life's image resembles; — Ah, such should my destiny be; The thorn's sharpest puncture I'd suffer, Would fate doom the roses for thee t



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Rodolph, in paternal hall,

Stolberg. XVI. (In der Väter Hallen ruhte)

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(Wenn ich ein schönes Mädchen sch,) XVIII.

In gurgling eddies roll'd the tide, . (Das Wafser rauscht, das Wafser

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