

ELEGY!
ON THE DEATH OF
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No sculptured marble can portray his fame,
Or those bright virtues which adorned his name;
His generous deeds and noble aim combined,
Alone can show the graces of his mind.

His life was spent in the ennobling cause
Of peaceful progress and judicious laws;
Benevolence to all he learned to show,
Nor e'er forgot the claims of want and woe.

Parental care with pure affection blest,
Shone with rich lustre in his loving breast;
In him the rising generation viewed,
A model of unswerving rectitude.

With noble zeal he laboured to increase
Unfettered commerce, and the arts of peace;
And by untiring energy he found,
His industry with prosperous issues crowned.

With rich abundance at his own command,
He scattered blessings with a lavish hand!
With generous warmth his kindness was bestowed,
With patriotic fire his bosom glowed.

With such bright fame, and such grand virtues blest,
He gently sank to the proud conqueror's rest;
His laurels still shall bloom with beauty here,
And sweet affection hold his memory dear.

So now he sleeps; ah! peaceful heavenly sleep;
And guardian angels constant vigils keep,
Till the momentous resurrection morn,
When brightest glory shall his soul adorn. [James Trevelick Wright.]