SONNET XXXIX.

To Night.

From the same.

I LOVE thee, mournful, sober-suited night,
   When the faint moon, yet ling'ring in her wane,
And veil'd in clouds, with pale uncertain light
   Hangs o'er the waters of the restless main.
In deep depression sunk, th' enfeebled mind
   Will to the deaf, cold elements complain,
And tell th' embosom'd grief, however vain,
   To sullen surges and the viewless wind.
Tho' no repose on thy dark breast I find,
   I still enjoy thee—cheerless as thou art;
For in thy quiet gloom, th' exhausted heart
Is calm, tho' wretched; hopeless, yet resign'd.
While, to the winds and waves its sorrows giv'n,
May reach—tho' lost on earth—the ear of Heav'n!