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King *WILLIAM III.*

Of Glorious Memory,

Who Died *March 8th. 1701.*

I.

**B**eneath these Honours of a Tomb  
**GREATNESS** in humble Ruine lies :  
 (How Earth confines in narrow Room  
 What Heroes leave below the Skies !)

II.

Preserve, Oh Venerable **PILE**,  
 Inviolate thy Sacred Trust ;  
 To thy cold Arms the **BRITISH** Isle  
 Weeping commits her Richest Dust.

III.

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Ye gentlest Ministers of **FATE**  
Attend the Monarch as he lies,  
And bid the Softeft **SLUMBERS** wait  
With Silken Cords to bind his Eyes.

## IV.

Rest his dear **SWORD** beneath his Head;  
Round him his Faithful **ARMS** shall stand;  
Fix his bright **ENSIGNS** on his Bed,  
The Guards and Honors of our Land.

## V.

Ye Sister Arts of **PAINT** and **VERSE**,  
Place **ALBION** fainting by his Side,  
Her Groans arising 'ore the Herse,  
And **BELGIA** sinking when he Dy'd.

## VI.

High o're the Grave **RELIGION** set  
In Solemn Gold: pronounce the Ground  
Sacred, to bar unhallow'd Feet,  
And plant her Guardian **VERTUES** round.

## VII.

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Fair **LIBERTY** in Sables drest  
 Write his lov'd Name upon his Urn,  
**WILLIAM**, the Scourge of Tyrants past,  
 And Awe of Princes yet Unborn.

## VIII.

Sweet **PEACE** his Sacred Relicks keep  
 With Olives blooming round her Head,  
 And stretch her Wings across the Deep  
 To bless the Nations with the Shade.

## IX.

Stand on the Pile, Immortal **FAME**,  
 Broad Stars adorn thy brightest Robe,  
 Thy thousand Voices sound his Name  
 In Silver Accents round the Globe.

## X.

**FLATTERY** shall faint beneath the Sound,  
 While Hoary **TRUTH** inspires the Song;  
**ENVY** grow pale and bite the Ground,  
 And **MALICE** gnaw her Forky Tongue.

XI.

**NIGHT** and the **GRAVE** remove your Gloom ;  
Darkness becomes the Vulgar Dead ;  
But **GLORY** bids the Royal Tomb  
Disdain the Horrors of a Shade,

XII.

**GLORY** with all her Lamps shall burn,  
And watch the Warriors sleeping Clay,  
Till the last Trumpet rouse his Urn  
To aid the Triumphs of the Day.

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