

# FRAGMENT

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SHILRIC, VINVELA.

VINVELA.

**M**Y love is a son of the hill.  
He pursues the flying deer.  
His grey dogs are panting  
around him; his bow-string sounds in  
the wind. Whether by the fount of  
the rock, or by the stream of the  
mountain thou liest; when the rushes are  
nodding with the wind, and the mist  
is flying over thee, let me approach  
my love unperceived, and see him  
from the rock. Lovely I saw thee  
first by the aged oak; thou wert re-  
turning tall from the chace; the fairest  
among thy friends.

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SHILRIC.

## SHILRIC.

WHAT voice is that I hear? that voice like the summer-wind. — I sit not by the nodding rushes; I hear not the fount of the rock. Afar, Vinvela, afar I go to the wars of Fingal. My dogs attend me no more. No more I tread the hill. No more from on high I see thee, fair-moving by the stream of the plain; bright as the bow of heaven; as the moon on the western wave.

## VINVELA.

THEN thou art gone, O Shilric! and I am alone on the hill. The deer are seen on the brow; void of fear they graze along. No more they dread the wind; no more the rustling tree. The hunter is far removed; he

he is in the field of graves. Strangers! sons of the waves! spare my lovely Shilric.

## SHILRIC.

IF fall I must in the field, raise high my grave, Vinvela. Grey stones, and heaped-up earth, shall mark me to future times. When the hunter shall sit by the mound, and produce his food at noon, "some warrior rests here," he will say; and my fame shall live in his praise. Remember me, Vinvela, when low on earth I lie!

## VINVELA.

YES!—I will remember thee—indeed my Shilric will fall. What shall I do, my love! when thou art gone for ever? Through these hills I will go at noon: I will go through the silent heath. There

I will see where often thou fittest return-  
 ing from the chace. Indeed, my Shil-  
 ric will fall; but I will remember  
 him.