AN EPITAPH.

BIRON, if e'er thy bosom bled for woe,

If e'er a tear bedew'd thy radiant eyes,

To you church-yard, at close of evening go,

There low on earth the gay Louisa lies.

BIRON, for thee she lost the joys of youth,

To thee, by magic pow'r, her heart was giv'n;

For thee rejected friendship, love, and truth;

For thee she scorn'd the world, and slighted Heav'n.

BIRON, for thee she pin'd the summer day,

By Phoebus' ray, or Luna's milder beam;

Nor could forget the fatal ninth of May,

Till, led by Death, she tasted Lethe's stream.

BIRON, for thee—but ah! I'll stop in time;

Around her grave I saw sierce lightnings dart;

There sleeps her muse, there rest her pow'rs sublime;

BIRON, for thee LOUISA broke her heart!

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