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"Bad wounds, Calumny
The fairest virtue strikes." Shakespeare.

I

Tyrant and coward slave!
Reilken! Thou mayst not harm the good and brave!
As looks the sovereign mountain down,
So smiles the rain-bow o'er the tempest's frown
So looks and smiles the brave!
He stands secure, God's pyramid of truth!
Scorning the rage of time!
He smiles - for immortality of youth,
Peace, joy and love sublime,
Are there!
Arching the world, illumining all
The air!

II

Wholly still grandeur to the mountains proud
When Freedom's fire descends upon the heart,
The man no more is man!
He feels his sacred life is set apart;
He feels no hope, new powers

And from that rapturous hour
He dares do all - the tyrants fear he can't

"1

What giveth grandeur to the mountain proud?
It is the envious, vain-aspiring cloud,
That, stealing from the pestilential vale,
Slow creepeth up - then, when its efforts fail
To shroud the daintless peak,
Slow, like a coward, arrogant and weak,
Doth it descend in tears,
Bade to its darkened den, its sluggish base
Compress!

"2

What giveth beauty to the rainbow's storm?
It is that it shineth o'er the fallen storm!
Smiling as terror ceases,
And prophesying peace.

Thou art the mountain fall, the rainbow thou!
Herald of Freedom to the sad old world!
Shame shall attend whoso'er would cloud thy brow,
Sail on himself shall all his wrath be hurled -
Stand he among the great,
Or sit in royal state,
Beyond the sea - or here -
O my blest Native Land! thou art too dear,
Too honored, even in a moment's dream
That thus I think of thee!
No son of thine so deeply damned may be!

I'll not believe it! Oh, at last, there seem

Such on our happy shore -

Call the false phantom "brother" no more!

Let him accursed be, wherever found!

Still let him live, still let him wander round

The unfrinding earth,

Weeping with tears at first his day of birth:

Or if he have companion, legends tell

Of one to suit him well -

Ahasuerus, wild with awful dread,

Outcast in search of calm - eternal
clouds o'erhead!

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