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A Collection Of Poems In Six Volumes. By Several Hands

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On the Death of the Earl of Cadogan. By the Same.

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Since after thee may rise an impious line,
 Coarse manglers of the human face divine,
 Paint on, till fate dissolve thy mortal part,
 And live and die the monarch of thy art.



ON THE
 DEATH of the EARL of CADOGAN.

By the Same.

OF Marlborough's captains and Eugenio's friends,
 The last, CADOGAN to the grave descends :
 Low lies each head, whence Blenheim's glory sprung,
 The chiefs who conquer'd, and the bards who sung.
 From his cold corse tho' every friend be fled,
 Lo! envy waits, that lover of the dead.
 Thus did she feign o'er Nassau's herse to mourn ;
 Thus wept insidious, Churchill, o'er thy urn ;
 To blast the living, give the dead their due,
 And wreathes, herself had tainted, trim'd anew.
 Thou yet unnam'd to fill his empty place,
 And lead to war thy country's growing race,
 Take every wish a British heart can frame,
 Add palm to palm, and rise from fame to fame.

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An hour must come, when thou shalt hear with rage
 Thyself traduc'd, and curse a thankless age :
 Nor yet for this decline the gen'rous strife,
 These ills, brave man, shall quit thee with thy life ;
 Alive, though stain'd by every abject slave,
 Secure of fame, and justice in the grave.
 Ah ! no—when once the mortal yields to fate,
 The blast of fame's sweet trumpet sounds too late,
 Too late to stay the spirit on its flight,
 Or sooth the new inhabitant of light ;
 Who hears regardless, while fond man, distress'd,
 Hangs on the absent, and laments the blest.

Farewel then fame, ill fought thro' fields of blood,
 Farewel unfaithful promiser of good :
 Thou musick, warbling to the deafen'd ear !
 Thou incense wasted on the fun'ral bier !
 Through life pursu'd in vain, by death obtain'd,
 When ask'd, deny'd us, and when given, disdain'd.

