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By the late Dr. BERKELEY, Biſhop of CLOYNE.

THE Muſe, diſguſted at an age and clime,
Barren of every glorious theme,
In diſtant lands now waits a better time,
Producing ſubjects worthy fame :

In happy climes, where from the genial ſun
And virgin earth ſuch ſcenes enſue,
The force of art by nature ſeems outdone,
And fancied beauties by the true :

In happy climes the ſeat of innocence,
Where nature guides and virtue rules,
Where men ſhall not impoſe for truth and ſenſe,
The pedantry of courts and ſchools :

There ſhall be ſung another golden age,
The riſe of empire and of arts,
The good and great inſpiring epic rage,
The wiſeſt heads and nobleſt hearts.

Not ſuch as Europe breeds in her decay ;
Such as ſhe bred when freſh and young,
When heav'nly flame did animate her clay,
By future poets ſhall be ſung.

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Westward

