



## **Elegy**

O snatch'd away in beauty's bloom!
On thee shall press no ponderous tomb;
But on thy turf shall roses rear Their leaves, the earliest of the

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And the wild cypress wave in tender gloom:

And oft by yon blue gushing stream

Shall Sorrow lean her drooping head,

And feed deep thought with many a dream,

And lingering pause and lightly tread;

Fond wretch! as if her step disturb'd the dead!
Away! we know that tears are vain,

That Death nor heeds nor hears distress:

Will this unteach us to complain? Or make one mourner weep the less?

And thou, who tell'st me to forget, Thy looks are wan, thine eyes are wet.