

## On The Death of a Friend

Tranquillity in the prospect of  
our own dissolution can be received  
only from the promises of him  
in whose hands are life and death  
and from the assurance of another  
and better state in which all fears  
will be wiped from the eyes and the  
whole soul shall be filled with  
joy. Philosophy may impose  
stubbomness, but religion only can  
give patience

## Absent Friends

When pleasure lays a music strain  
and mirth assails the heart in vain  
so pensive thoughts the bosom bend  
and find a theme in Absent Friends

Remembrance then unfolds its store  
Affection's tales of old before  
and fancy magic visions send  
so catch a view of Absent Friends

Pale apprehension starts with fear  
some sad vicissitude to hear  
and hope with the causeless horror blends  
fore fate unknown of Absent Friends

The parent fond the dutious child  
the weeping heart by loss bequilt  
each to his heaven a boon commends  
that heaven be kind to Absent Friends