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1793 The depth or the duration of his woe. 1800

## The sea view<sup>1</sup>

The upland Shepherd, as reclined he lies  
 On the soft turf that clothes the mountain brow,  
 Marks the bright Sca-line mingling with the skies;  
 Or from his course celestial, sinking slow,  
 5 The Summer-Sun in purple radiance low,  
 Blaze on the western waters; the wide scene  
 Magnificent, and tranquil, seems to spread  
 Even o'er the Rustic's breast a joy serene,  
 When, like dark plague-spots by the Demons shed,  
 10 Charged deep with death, upon the waves, far seen,  
 Move the war-freighted ships; and fierce and red,  
 Flash their destructive fires—The mangled dead  
 And dying victims then pollute the flood.  
 Ah! thus man spoils Heaven's glorious works with blood!

1797 1800

## The Dead Beggar

*An Elegy, Addressed to a Lady, who was affected at seeing the Funeral*