

On Procrastination

Be wise today; tis madness to defer
 next day the fatal precedent will press
 they on till wisdom is pushed out of life
 Procrastination is the thief of time
 year after year it steals till all are fled
 and to the mercy of a moment leaveth
 the vast concern of an eternal scene
 of many & miraculous mistakes tis best
 the palm that all men are about to win
 forever on the brink of being born
 all pay themselves the compliment to
 think they one day shall not die
 and their pride on this reversion
 takes up ready praise at best their
 own; their future selves applaud
 how excellent that life they never will
 lead time lodged in their own hands
 is folly; surely that lodged in fate's
 to wisdom they consign the things
 they can't but purpose they postpone
 tis not in folly not to scorn a fool
 and scarce in human wisdom to do
 more all promise is poor dilatory man
 and that thro every stage when young
 indeed in full content we sometimes
 nobly rest unawares for ourselves
 and only wish as dutiful sons our
 fathers were more wise at thirty man
 suspects himself a fool knows it at
 forty and reforms his plan at fifty
 chides his infamous delay pushes
 his prudent purpose to resolve in
 all the magnanimity of thought
 resolves and resolves then dies the

On Procrastination

Same and why because he thinks
 himself immortal all men think
 all men mortal but themselves
 when some alarming shock of fate
 strikes thro their wounded hearts
 the sudden dread but their hearts
 wounded like the wounded deer
 soon close when past the shaft no
 trace is found as from the wing
 no scar the sky retaining the parted
 wave no furrow from the keel so
 dies in human hearts the thought
 of death low with the tender that
 which nature sheds for those we
 love we drop it in their grave

Curious Love Letter

Madam - Most worthy of estimation
 after long consideration and much
 meditation of the great reputation you
 possess in the nation I have a strong
 inclination to become your relation
 on your approbation of this declaration
 I shall make a preparation to remove
 my situation to a more convenient
 station to profess my admiration
 and if such oblation is worthy of
 observation and can obtain consideration
 it will be an aggrandizement beyond
 all calculation of the joy and exultation
 of Yours &c &c