

meanings of concealed poverty, the insolence, ig-  
-norance, & indolence of the rich: the pride of  
the professors of the lowliest of religions, the  
fleet, the monopolizers of Heaven, & their  
misleaders, the Corcorans of the Pulpit; the  
result of such reflexions, reads me a wholesome  
lesson on humiliation. and with regard to  
luxury, and ease, I can aver with truth  
that in my hammock beneath my roof of  
rushes, I sleep with greater satisfaction to my-  
-self, than I could under a velvet canopy,  
in the spacious mansion of a magnificent  
patron - "gentle sleep" says the poet dis-  
-dains not the humble shed of the cottager  
nor I am not agitated by the zephyrs  
Tho' the halls of the wealthy, no more  
shall invite me,

To join in their revels of feast and  
their board,

Tho' the soft strains of music, no longer  
delight me,

Tho' I'm spurned of what in the gay world  
I can afford.

<sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup>  
Tho' rarely society's voice can deliver  
My soul from its thoughts, my abode  
From its gloom;

When the depths of the wood &  
The stile rolling river,

Afford me the spot where I've  
Chosen a home.

3<sup>rd</sup>

Yet do I repine not, the calms  
Of reflection;

Have soothed the wild tumults,

That once torped my breast

The past I regret not, nor shun  
Recollection.

Of pleasures once followed, of pains  
Once possessed.



