Ode on the Death of a Favourite Cat.

Lines.
1. “Melt the tears / Here bristled forms now seen in glaze.”
2. “Dreams of the toil that went.”
3. “The passion’s flame / For of jet in barrels rose / He had suffered oppression.”
4. “Fell had the good death met the little / Long begot forms soon come to birth / The mighty pyramid with sudden one / A broken soft in him a living soul.”
5. “Miserable slaves the sad by its side / The happy range in jest beguiled / He laugh’d hard looking on.”
6. “Nine times emerging from the flood / He meant to every waking sight.”
ODE
ON THE DEATH OF A
FAVOURITE CAT,
Drowned in a Tub of Gold Fifles.

'TWAS on a lofty vase's side,
Where China's gayest art had dy'd
The azure flowers, that blow;
Demurest of the tabby kind,
+ The penfive Selima reclin'd,
Gaz'd on the lake below.

Her conscious tail her joy declar'd;
The fair round face, the snowy beard,
The velvet of her paws,

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ODE ON THE DEATH

Her coat, that with the tortoise vies,
Her ears of jet, and emerald eyes,
She saw; and purr’d applause.

Still had she gaz’d; but ’midst the tide
Two angel forms were seen to glide,
The Genii of the stream:
Their scaly armour’s Tyrian hue,
Thro’ richett purple to the view
Betray’d a golden gleam.

The hapless nymph with wonder saw:
A whisker first, and then a claw,
With many an ardent wish,
She stretch’d, in vain, to reach the prize.
What female heart can gold despise?
What cat’s averse to fish?

Presump—
OF A FAVOURITE CAT.

Presumptuous maid! with looks intent
Again the stretch'd, again the bent,
Nor knew the gulf between:
(Malignant Fate fat by, and smil'd)
The flipp'ry verge her feet beguil'd,
She tumbled headlong in.

Eight times emerging from the flood
She mew'd to ev'ry wat'ry God,
Some speedy aid to send.
No Dolphin came, no Nereid flir'd.
Nor cruel Tom, nor Safan heard,
A fav'rite has no friend!

From hence, ye beauties, undeceive'd,
Know, one false step is ne'er retriev'd,
And be with caution bold.

Not
Nor all that tempts your wand’ring eyes,
And heedless hearts, is lawful price;
Nor all that glitters, gold.