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Violin

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 Henceforth hospitality who shall regard;
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With transport this day my fond heart overflow'd,
 When keenly indulging the pleasing presage,
 How warm with maternal affection it glow'd,
 Midst an offspring of thine whilst I hop'd for old age!
 Whose prattle endearing, and innocent play,
 To me might the loss of thy childhood atone;
 Those actions the fame of your house might display,
 Adorn'd with a husband's dear name, and thy own.

Thy gallant deportment, thy exquisite bloom,
 Which merciless foes might with rapture admire;
 With them my dear hopes are all quench'd in the tomb,
 With thee they were born, and with thee they expire.
 In conjugal union how short my delight!
 In a mother's high rank how much shorter my boast!
 With planets malignant, no more let me fight,
 No longer in life's cruel tempest be tost!

Forgive, gracious powers, in compassion my fate,
 Whilst, by sorrow compell'd, with reluctance I seize
 The only sweet moment reserv'd me by fate,
 The moment which renders me just what I please;
 My Douglas, my darling, my glory, my pride!
 How happy was I but to name thee my son!
 For thee would to heav'n a fond mother had died,
 Since living without thee, is living undone.