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BARDS tell us, in the realms below
Great Chiefs with martial ardour glow;
Since all departed spirits love
That which distinguished them above:
Thus Britain still is MARLBOROUGH’S care,
As when he breath’d the vital air.
For while through either hostile van
The dread career of Death began,
The Hero’s shade was seen to glide
Where Tormes roll’d his blood-stain’d tide;
And when the glorious day was won,
 These sounds were wafted on the breeze,
 That made proud Gaul with horror freeze,
“I live again, in WELLINGTON!”

Cheltenham, 18th August, 1812.