

TO THE MEMORY OF
MRS. MARY M'KEAN.

To yonder new made grave I'll go,
And there indulge my swelling grief:
There shall the tears of friendship flow,
And give my wounded heart relief.

To yonder grave, oh! muse, repair,
And whilst I breathe my tender sighs,

Attune thy plaintive lyre, for there
The lov'd, the lost *Maria* lies.

Archive.org The Miscellaneous essays and occasional writings
of Francis Hopkinson, Esq (1792) Vol III

Blest be the ground where thou art laid;
Let no unhallow'd foot perfume
Upon thy tufted grave to tread;
No hostile hand profane thy tomb.

Angelic hosts assembled here,
Shall guard the consecrated ground;
In robes of radiant light appear,
And spread seraphic music round.

The winds that thro' the midnight gloom,
Wild howling o'er the mountains fly;
Shall cease their rage, when near thy tomb,
And pass in plaintive murmurs by.

When at the board with festive glee,
 Gay pleasures social bosoms cheer;
 E'en mirth shall pause to think on thee,
 And, thinking, drop a silent tear.

With grateful hearts the poor distressed,
 Shall to thy grave lamenting go;
 Then shall thy hand be duly blest,
 That hand which lov'd to soften woe.

Oft when the moon with placid ray
 Gleams o'er the dew-bespangled green,
 Here shall my silent footsteps stray,
 Here shall my pensive form be seen.

Thy worth, dear faint, shall then arise
 All bright to contemplation's view:
 Review thy life with weeping eyes,
 And weeping strive to copy you.

Remembrance long shall hold thee fast;
 Thy form, thy virtues ne'er shall die:
 I'll love thee thus whilst life shall last,
 And bless thee with my latest sigh.

T H E E P I T A P H.

FAIR was her form, serene her mind,
 Her heart and hopes were fix'd on high:
 Her hand beneficent and kind
 Oft wip'd the tear from sorrow's eye.

The sweets of friendship soften'd care ;
 Love, peace, and joy, her soul possess :
 Meekness perfum'd each rising pray'r,
 And ev'ry rising pray'r was blest.
 In heav'n we trust, her fainted spirit sings
 Glad *Hallelujahs* to the *King of Kings*.

March, 1773.