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1816  
STANZAS  
("IN DREAR-NIGHTED DECEMBER")  
by John Keats

STANZAS

I.

In drear-nighted December,  
Too happy, happy tree,  
Thy branches ne'er remember  
Their green felicity:  
The north cannot undo them,  
With a sleety whistle through them;  
Nor frozen thawings glue them

From budding at the prime.

II.

In drear-nighted December,  
Too happy, happy brook,  
Thy bubblings ne'er remember  
Apollo's summer look;  
But with a sweet forgetting,  
They stay their crystal fretting,  
Never, never petting  
About the frozen time.

III.

Ah! would 'twere so with many  
A gentle girl and boy!  
But were there ever any  
Writh'd not of passed joy?  
The feel of not to feel it,  
When there is none to heal it,  
Nor numbed sense to steel it,  
Was never said in rhyme.

THE END

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