

POETRY.

WAR.

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I saw a plain whereon her store
Of richest blessings Nature threw;

Where calmest peace so lately reigned,
Raged tumult wild, and passions hot;

Oh! if to such a scene as this,
Of carnage, agony and woe,

Oh! when shall dawn that blessed day
Foretold by prophets of the Lord,

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THE QUEEN'S VOW.

A TALE OF ELIZABETH.

CHAPTER II.

Continued.

That sweet, calm contentment, which
permeates the mind, when once satisfied in its yearning

The old nurse was still detained in the
invalid's chamber, but only as a matter of propriety;

Three weeks went by like a dream;
Devonshire had left his couch, and as his strength

"You are sad, to-day," said Elizabeth,
as the two wandered forth one evening, just as the

"It is strange," said the Earl, drawing
her arm gently through his, and moving forward—

"Do not say that," she said, in a low,
regretful voice; "you are yet far from well—

"And yet it is very beautiful," said
Devonshire, laying his hand on the small fingers

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for she knew well what place he alluded to, and

"Why should you leave me, Courtney?"
she asked, anxiously, "why should we, of our own

"While illness was an apology for
remaining by your side, there might be little in my

Elizabeth's lips trembled, and she
looked earnestly in his face, anxious to learn by his

He seemed thoughtful and serious, but
there was nothing in his face that betrayed a knowl-

"It was a perilous fall," he said,
turning with a smile to the confused lady, "but to

"Why should I repeat to you in words,
of which every act, feeling and look, bear evi-

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"I feel it all—your condescension and
goodness," exclaimed the Earl, warmly, "and

Elizabeth took a small velvet case from
her bosom, and drew from thence a glove, richly

"I took it from your grasp when the
hand which held it was cold, and I thought dead—

Devonshire took the glove and placed it
in his bosom without speaking a word, but there

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"What brings you here, fellow?" said
the Earl, sternly, for he felt the Lady Elizabeth

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colorless with intense feeling: "I would say one

"Nay," said Devonshire, detaining her,
"there can be nothing which you may not know.

Elizabeth turned very pale, and was
utterly unable to find words in which to answer him,

"I will take farewell, dear lady, here,"
said the Earl, pausing beneath a clump of trees

He took her hand, but it lay cold
within his grasp, and even in the waning light, he

"Surely," he said, with a degree of
earnestness almost amounting to reproach, "you can-

He was interrupted by a low, chuckling
laugh, which seemed close by the place where

"Be cautious; in the name of Heaven, I
beseech you, not another word. He is Queen

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Dictionary of Geology and Mineralogy.
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settlements of Virginia, when the adventurers were

In case they cannot be presently
married we desire that they may be put with several

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rapidly proceeding, and preparations are about to