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EPIGRAMMATA

GEORGIO FREDERICO WATTS DEDICATA.

1.

Εἰς Ἔρωτα βίον ἀγωγόν.

Κεῖ κάμνουσι βροτοί, τό γε συγκάμνειν ἀγαπητόν·
ὦδε φίλον τὸ φιλεῖν, ὦδ' ἐρατεινὸς Ἔρως.

2.

Εἰς Ἔρωτα Θάνατον παραιτούμενον.

Οὐ κακὸν ὀρφναίη, κάσις ἡματος, εἰ καλὸν ἡμαρ·
εἰ δὲ καλὸν τὸ ζῆν, οὐ κακὸς ἔστ' Ἀΐδης.

3.

Εἰς Ἔρωτα ἀλιεύοντα.

Ἡὼθέν τ', ἀλιανθὲς Ἔρως, καὶ νυκτὸς ἐν αὐγαῖς
φαιδρὸς ἔτ' εἰ, στίλβων τήν κοθ' ὀμηλικήν.

4.

Εἰς παιδίον ἀωροθάνατον.

Ἡδύ, Θεός, τὸ ψυχίδιον καὶ ἄχραντον ἐδρέψω·
ἀνθεμίδ' ὥς χαρτῶν ἐν πτυχι σῶον ἔχοις.

5.

Εἰς Ἑλπίδα.

Μαντέουσ' Ἑλπίς, θείων πηλαυρὸς ὀνείρων,
φαντασίαις φοβερὰν εἶρξεν ἀπιστοσύνην·

6.

'Sic transit.'

Κτῆμα φίλον κέεται ζῶει θ' ὑπόγαιον ὄπισθεν
θησαύρισμ' ἀνδρῶν ἢ καλοκάγαθῃ.

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1.

*Love and Life.*¹

Love is enow ; life is not vain,
While hearts in woe of love are fain.

2.

Love and Death.

Fair is life's light, while love has breath,
And fair as night life's sister, death.

3.

Cupid fishing.

Love, the sea-born, is heavenly bright
From golden morn to azure night.

4.

Death crowning Innocence.

Souls without sin, that early slept,
As flowers within God's book are kept.

5.

Hope.

Hope's gate of horn turns doubt away
With dreams unborn till break of day.

6.

Sic transit.

As treasure stored within a grave,
The Earth doth hoard her good and brave.

GEORGE C. W. WARR.

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