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The language and poetry of flowers

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Rosebuds.

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THE POETRY OF FLOWERS.

ROSEBUDS.

GATHER ye Rosebuds while ye may, Old Time is still a-flying; And this same flower that smiles to-day, To-morrow will be dying.

The glorious lamp of heaven, the sun, The higher he's a getting, The sooner will his race be run, And nearer he's to setting.

That age is best which is the first, When youth and blood are warmer; But being spent, the worse, and worst Times, still succeed the former.

Then be not coy, but use your time, And while ye may, go marry : For having lost but once your prime, You may for ever tarry.

Herrick.

S.S. ALDE

A ROSEBUD BY MY EARLY WALK.

A ROSEBUD by my early walk, Adown a corn-enclosed bawk, Sae gently bent its thorny stalk, All on a dewy morning.

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