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ROSEMARY.

SWEET-SCENTED flower, who art wont to bloom
On January's front severe,
And o'er the wintry season drear
To waft thy sweet perfume !
Come, thou shalt form my nosegay now,
And I will bind thee round my brow ;

And as I twine the mournful wreath,
I'll weave a melancholy song,
And sweet the strain shall be, and long
The melody of death.