

## Canto Sixth

Text collated with:

Bod [adds. e.10]

**1817**

1818

1829 (only select variants from this edition are recorded)

1834

1839

1840

Departures from Jones's transcription are noted by designating his reading with "BSM/XVII."

Ampersands in the draft MS have not been collated as variants from *and* except where they form part of a larger phrase containing other, substantive variants in punctuation, orthography, or diction.

3 that ] one Bod

5 soft ] fair Bod

7 'till ] till 1829 1839 1840

pallid ] palid 1834

beams ] beams, 1829 1839

'till the pallid beams ] until the beams Bod

8 watchfire ] watch-fire 1839 1840

10 City's wall ] city gate Bod

11 then, ] then 1834

why, ] why- Bod

why BSM/XVII

why 1834

14 not;—then ] not; then 1840

20 and— "they ] and—"They 1829 1834 1839 1840

& they come *above* & to arms & to arms – ~~they come~~ Bod

29 light made morning pallid now ] light made *above* ~~lustre mixed with~~ Bod

30 Asia;—louder, ] Asia; louder, Bod

Asia.—Louder, 1834 1839 1840

- 39 Their ] Thier Bod  
unrisen ] uprisen 1829
- 42 looks, ] looks 1829
- 48 roar:—the files compact ] roar . . . the files compact *below* ~~the~~ ~~[turns]~~ Bod  
roar: the files compact 1840
- 51 Their ] Our Bod  
bloodier ] bloody Bod  
chasm:—into ] into *below* chasm; ~~within and and where~~ Bod  
chasm: into 1840
- 52 alive ] alive, 1829 1839 1840
- 53 mass, ] mass 1834
- 54 blood, ] blood 1829 1834 1839 1840  
mortal steel ] morta lsteel 1834
- 55 prey, ] prey Bod 1840
- 57 death; ] death.— Bod death: 1834
- 59 their ] *after* ~~thier~~ Bod
- 60 hopes, ] hopes: *\_ colon in pencil; dash (placed at bottom of line) in ink* Bod  
hopes; 1829 1839 1840
- 64 Thus sudden, unexpected ] Thus ~~dreadfully a mighty~~ [hasty] *above* ~~mighty~~ Bod  
[       ] BSM/XVII  
Thus ] Thus, 1834
- 65 sight— ] sight **1817** 1818
- 66 moved—I lived—as ] I lived I moved—;— Bod  
moved—lived—as 1834
- 67 stony ] ghastly Bod  
light ] light, 1829 1839 1840
- 68 trod;—to ] ~~stood~~—to Bod  
trod; to 1840

- 72 in ] to Bod
- 73 brothers ] brothers, *1834*
- 74 stedfast ] steadfast Bod *1839 1840*
- 78 troop, ] troop Bod troop; *1834 1839 1840*  
 overthrown ] overthrown, *1834*
- 79 It gained ] ~~Towards the~~ Bod  
 Towards the *BSM/XVII*  
 It gain'd *1839*  
 grassy ] little Bod
- 82 Immoveably ] We reached the hills; Bod  
 Immovably *1839*  
 we stood— ] and there Bod
- 89 extended, ] extended; Bod  
 extended *1834*  
 cry ] ery Bod  
 cry, *1834 1839 1840*
- 90 flocked ] came Bod
- 91 while ] whilst Bod
- 92 horsemen ] horseman ***1817 1818 1834***
- 93 tho' ] tho Bod  
 tho', *1834*  
 though *1839 1840*
- 95 them:—flesh ] him / flesh & bone *on successive pages* Bod  
 them: flesh *1840*
- 98 More fast ] Frequent Bod  
 laughed ] laught Bod  
 laugh'd ***1817 1818 1834***
- 99 In ] With Bod  
 pride ] *above* joy Bod  
 screams ] shrieks Bod

- 102 the blood] their blood *1840*
- 103 which, ] which *1834*  
 in ] thro Bod  
 glen ] glen, *1834 1839 1840*
- 106 clombe ] clomb Bod *1829 1839 1840*  
 Heaven's eastern steep ] easterthen *written over eastern below* high Heavens steep Bod  
 high ] high *BSM/XVII*  
 steep ] steep *BSM/XVII*
- 107 It ] He Bod  
 sink-a ] sink a *1834*  
 sink, a *1839 1840*
- 108 For ] And Bod
- 109 Within ] For in Bod
- 110 instrument ] ~~weapon~~ *above* instrument Bod
- 115 Seized, ] Seized; Seized *1839 1840*  
 sixth, thus armed, ] third man armed Bod
- 116 line ] front Bod
- 118 almost ] almost, *1834*  
 almost; *1829 1839 1840*
- 119 saw ] *above* ~~knew~~ Bod
- 121 victory, ] victory; Bod *1834 1839 1840*  
 so ] so, *1834*  
 close ] close, *1834*
- 124 myriads, ] millions, *above* ~~host~~ Bod
- 125 Or ] And Bod
- 126 forever. ] for ever. *1834 1839 1840*
- 127 *line written below* ~~O tis a dreadful thing to see the famine~~ Bod

- 128 beasts of blood, ] *above* [~~venomous~~] Bod  
 [—?—] *BSM/XVII*
- 129 behind ] behind, *1834 1839 1840*
- 130 good, ] good Bod *1840*
- 131 its ] it's *in pencil, above* my Bod [it's] *BSM/XVII*
- 132 hair ] hair, *1829 1834 1839 1840*
- 134 Under ] Beneath Bod  
 feet!—I ] feet . . then ~~from~~ I Bod  
 feet! I *1840*
- 136 ghastlier—in ] ghastly *precedes* ghastlier *above* ~~fearful~~ Bod  
 ghastlier, in *1840*
- 137 fell ] fell, *1829 1834 1839 1840*
- 138 shed'st ] shedst Bod  
 shedd'st *1829 1834 1839 1840*
- 144 air, ] air. *1829*
- 146 pest's ] Pest's *1829 1839 1840*  
 Bane ] bane; *1829*  
 bane *1839 1840*
- 150 death ] death, *1834 1839 1840*
- 151 ministered ] minister'd *1829 1839 1840*  
 plain ] plain, *1834*
- 152 sun-beam's ] sunbeam's *1840*
- 154 firm ] firm, *1834 1839 1840*
- 155 day ] day, *1834 1839 1840*
- 156 term ] term, *1834 1839 1840*
- 162 brands: ] brands; *1840*

- 164 scattering—lo! ] scattering.—Lo! 1834 1839 1840
- 166 over ] o'er 1839 1840  
 dead, ] dead; 1834 1839 1840
- 168 Angel, robed in white, ] robed *above* angel ~~clad~~ in white *above* ~~immortal spirit~~ Bod  
 angel, robed in white, 1840
- 169 sword;—the ] sword; the Bod 1840  
 hosts ] throng Bod
- 170 thro' ] thro Bod through 1839 1840  
 ranks ] ranks, 1839 1840  
 might, ] might Bod 1834
- 171 *line derived from various revisions, including*  
 Sweeps with [?m] Motion; course that *above* vision dread & bright Bod  
 [?m] Motion ] [?n] [— ?—] BSM/XVII
- 172 rose ] arose *above* ~~arose~~ Bod  
 rose, 1834
- 173 coming: ] coming; Bod 1839  
 coming 1840
- 174 wind ] wind, 1834
- 175 Thro' ] Thro Bod  
 Through 1839 1840
- 176 death—the ] ruin—the Bod  
 death. —The 1834 1839 1840
- 177 its might which swayed, ] which swayed its might Bod
- 178 pants, ] voice Bod
- 179 desart, ] desert, 1829 1834 1839 1840
- 180 me ] me, 1834 1839 1840  
 now” —I ] now—I Bod  
 now!” —I 1834
- 181 Then: ] *above* ~~She~~ Bod

Then *1834 1839 1840*

- 182 'twere ] twere Bod  
't were *1839*
- 183 shook ] held *above* ~~shook~~ Bod  
reins:—We ] reins . . we Bod  
reins.—We *1834 1839 1840*  
spake ] spoke Bod  
word ] word, *1834 1839 1840*
- 184 fled ] [*?sped*] Bod
- 185 dispread ] dispread, *1834 1839 1840*
- 187 strings ] stream *above* ~~veil~~ Bod  
spread ] spread, *1829*
- 189 glimmering ] gleaming Bod  
broad ] dark Bod  
past. ] past Bod past; *1834 1839 1840*
- 190 dust, ] dust Bod dust. *1834*
- 191 His strong sides ] strong *above* ~~And~~ his sides Bod  
~~And~~ ] And *BSM/XVII*  
spray, ] spray Bod *1834*
- 192 of ] if *1834 1839 1840*
- 194 Thro' ] Thro Bod  
Through *1839 1840*  
desart ] ~~hamlets~~ *above and* ~~villages~~ *beside* ~~desart~~ Bod  
desert *1829 1834 1839 1840*
- 195 crest ] crest, *1834*
- 197 rugged ] ~~ragged~~ *above* steep Bod
- 198 strained ] looked Bod  
did arrest. ] ~~did arrest~~ *above* arrest Bod  
did arrest ] *1834*
- 199 A rocky hill ] It was a hill Bod

- 200 From that lone ruin, ] ~~And from the portal,~~ Bod *uncanceled in BSM/XVII*
- 202 forever ] for ever *1834 1839 1840*
- 203 enchanted ] enchanted Bod *1829 1834 1839 1840*
- 204 music, ] music Bod *1834 1840*
- 205 wizard ] wisard Bod
- 206 be seen by those who ] were seen by whoso Bod
- 208 heard and seen—another ] seen but ere another Bod
- 209 two ] two, *1834*
- 210 or saw, ] & saw Bod  
 felt ] felt, *1834 1839 1840*  
 other; ] other\_\_ Bod  
 other. *1834*
- 212 Cythna, ] Cythna– Bod  
 Cythna *1829 1839 1840*
- 213 feel ] turn *above* feel Bod  
feel *BSM/XVII*
- 215 sister ] Cythna *1818 1834 1839 1840*  
 looked), ] looked, Bod  
 looked,) *1834 1839*
- 216 And felt her strength in ] Her firmness into Bod  
 fail ] fail *below* melt *and beside* [?pale] Bod
- 217 And, ] And Bod *1834 1839 1840*  
 in my embrace ] within my arms Bod
- 218 on ] upon Bod  
 unquiet ] *above* beating Bod
- 221 said: ] said, *1834*
- 222 battle, ] battle Bod



- 223 bonds.— ] chains— Bod  
and ] and, 1834
- 224 time, ] moment, Bod
- 226 pursuer, ] pursuers Bod
- 227 here.”—Then ] here; thus Bod  
here.”—Then, 1834 1839 1840
- 228 pressed ] prest *above* kissed Bod  
moon ] moon *in ink, above* star Bod
- 230 that ] whereon Bod
- 231 to a stone seat ] ~~with gentle force~~ Bod
- 232 And ] And, 1834
- 236 Looks ] Looked Bod
- 238 awful ghosts which come and go, ] ghosts that wander to & fro Bod
- 239 And ] Who Bod  
below, ] below Bod 1834
- 240 gone, ] dead; Bod
- 241 Fair clinging ] Entwining Bod  
ivy pale ] ~~dark~~ ivy Bod
- 242 a ] its Bod
- 244 The ] Th' 1834  
autumnal ] autumn *above* ~~winter~~ Bod
- 246 seasons none disturbed, ] seasons none *above* ~~summer had~~ disturbed ~~not~~ Bod
- 247 flowering ] *above* ~~blossoming~~ Bod  
parasites, ] parasites Bod 1834
- 248 their sweet ] odorous Bod

- 250 wind ] winds Bod
- 251 intertwining ] intertwined Bod  
fingers ] fingers, 1834
- 252 soft ] *below low and, above that, sweet* Bod  
listening ] starlight *and* moonlight *below silent* Bod  
[?starbright] BSM/XVII [-?—][?light] BSM/XVII
- 253 where ] what Bod  
go, ] are— Bod  
what sweet dream ] what wild dream *above whither come* Bod
- 254 thro' ] thro Bod through 1839 1840
- 255 far and pathless passion, ] sweet & solemn feeling, Bod
- 256 life, ] life Bod 1829 1834 1839 1840  
whirlpools ] whirlpool *above besom* Bod
- 257 Spreading swift wings ] *above* Making its wings Bod  
dim air; ] wind *above* light air Bod
- 260 utmost ] ~~remotest~~ Bod
- 262 To ] “To Bod
- 263 Our spirits, ] ~~Our tamed hearts~~ Bod  
fearful overthrow ] fatal overthrow *above fearful overthrow* Bod
- 265 Tho' ] Tho Bod Though 1839 1840
- 266 power, ] *above sense,* Bod
- 267 atmosphere, ] ~~atmosphere~~ *above sky* Bod
- 268 clouds ] shades Bod  
flow, ] flow: Bod
- 270 Beneath ] *below While Watching* Bod
- 271 doth ] *above did* Bod
- 273 wildering ] *below speechless* Bod

- 275 together past, ] together spent *above* ~~had past together~~, Bod  
 fears, ] fears Bod 1834
- 276 common blood ] blood itself 1818 1834 1839 1840  
 frames, ] *above* ~~veins~~ Bod
- 277 That ] ch of Which *overwritten by* The Bod  
 the features ] our features, Bod
- 280 found a voice:– ] ~~found a voice~~– Bod  
 and ere that voice did pass ] *above* and whilst these things did pass Bod
- 281 thro' ] thro Bod through 1839 1840
- 282 morass, ] morass Bod 1834
- 283 Meteor ] meteor Bod  
 Meteor, 1834 1840
- 285 pallid ] palid 1834  
 while ] whilst Bod
- 286 quivering ] [quiving] Bod  
 [?quietly] BSM/XVII  
 bent, ] beat, Bod
- 287 strangest sounds ] solemn music Bod  
 moving ] dark Bod
- 288 spirit's ] angels *above* ~~spirits~~ Bod
- 289 Meteor ] meteor Bod  
 shewed ] showed 1839 1840
- 290 thick ties ] thick tresses *above* ~~loose locks~~ Bod
- 291 hair ] hair, 1818 1834 1839 1840  
 gathered ] gathering *in ink above* ~~its soft~~ Bod
- 293 as twin phantoms of one ] *in ink, above* ~~like the images of a~~ Bod
- 294 a dim well, ] a ~~dim~~ well *above* ~~midnight wells~~; Bod  
 move ] moves *above* ~~floats~~ Bod

- 295 ecstasies, ] ecstasies– Bod  
ecstasies, 1839
- 298 to its far morass ] ~~now~~ *above* ~~grew~~ more pallid– Bod
- 299 veins ] *in ink, above* ~~hearts~~ Bod
- 300 still; ] mute, Bod  
that burned ] burned *in ink, above* which ~~flowed~~ *and an indecipherable canceled word* Bod
- 301 frame, ] frame *in ink, below* ~~veins~~ Bod  
frame 1834
- 302 Around *above* ~~Upon~~ Bod  
fire; ] *ire of* fire *written over* ame of flame Bod  
and ] then Bod
- 304 swoon ] trance Bod
- 306 this earth's ] this earths *above* ~~mortal~~ life Bod
- 308 sense, ] *below* ~~sense~~ *above which is* ~~power~~ Bod
- 314 seasons, ] seasons Bod 1834 1839 1840  
mankind ] mankind, 1834 1839 1840
- 315 fear ] ~~hope~~ Bod *line canceled in* Bod
- 318 limb ] limbs Bod  
or ] & Bod  
quick ] *above* ~~fast~~ Bod
- 320 Thro' tears of a wide mist ] Thro wide mist of joy Bod  
Thro' ] Through 1839 1840  
mist ] mist, 1834 1839 1840
- 321 What is the strong controul ] [~~what~~] [~~is~~] [~~the~~] [~~strong~~] [~~control~~] BSM/XVII *not canceled in* Bod; *in ink above*  
*canceled pencil line*  
controul ] control 1839 1840
- 322 heart ] ~~soul~~ Bod  
that ] a Bod

- 323 roll, ] roll Bod *1834*
- 324 restless ] ~~above~~ *traced*
- 327 not, ] not *1834 1839 1840*
- 329 frames; ] frames, *1834 1839 1840*
- 340 hill, ] hill *1834*
- 348 to each other ] they had sprung *1818 1834 1839 1840*
- 349 Had high and solemn hopes, ] From linked youth, and from *1818 1834 1839 1840*
- 350 and all the thoughts which smother ] delayed and cherished long, *1818 1834 1839 1840*
- 351 Cold Evil's power, now linked a sister and a brother. ]  
Which common hopes and fears made, like a tempest, strong. *1818 1834 1839 1840*
- 352 modesty, ] law divine, *1818 1834 1839 1840*
- 363 forever ] for ever *1834 1839 1840*
- 364 nurst ] nurs'd *1834*
- 365 knowledge, ] knowledge *1834 1839 1840*  
inchants ] enchants *1839 1840*
- 368 Egypt; ] Egypt, **1817**
- 376 poison: ] poison; *1834*  
well, ] well *1839 1840*
- 385 again, ] again *1834*
- 387 tenderness, ] tenderness Bod  
tenderness. *1829 1834*
- 388 part, ] part *1834*
- 391 ravine of rocks, did soon ] rough mountain, soon did *Bod draft*
- 392 darkness ] shadow Bod  
might ] might, Bod

- 393 winds. —Far thro' ] winds; far thro far *in ink above now* Bod  
winds. —Far through 1839 1840
- 394 the garments white ] the garment white *below was faintly seen* Bod
- 396 gust, and ] blast; And Bod
- 398 his eyeballs wide and red ] *various cancellations on successive pages, including With wide and fearless eyes exultingly and Turning his wide eyes on the [?land] sky* Bod
- 400 tread, ] tread 1834
- 401 Shook with ] Quaked to Bod
- 403 Mock ] mocked Bod  
sped ] *below fled* Bod
- 405 Where Death and Fire had ] *Death and, below it, Fires within various false starts and cancellations, including The slaughter and Where blood & fire had* Bod  
spoil ] [*?wreck*] *below spoil* Bod  
[ ? ] *BSM/XVII*
- 406 in a wood ] *above among groves* Bod  
wood ] wood, 1829 1839 1840
- 407 leaves ] *in ink, above hair canceled in ink* Bod  
scattering fed ] *below streamed with choked above and strewed below it* Bod
- 408 hungry storm; ] whirlwind Bod  
a place of blood ] *in ink, written over something else with, below it, the lightning flood,* Bod
- 410 dwellings ] *above ruins* Bod
- 412 Flooded with ] *below Of the black rafters ribbed the* [ ? ] [ ? ] *BSM/XVII*
- 413 black rafters ] *above naked heap* Bod
- 414 and babes, and men, ] & men & babes Bod
- 419 me, ] me— Bod [the] *BSM/XVII*  
close to the waters ] *in ink, above [—?—d—aside] and, below that, around the fountain canceled in ink* Bod  
[—?—d—aside] Bod ] [*?The*] [—?—] *BSM/XVII*

- 420 to taste, ] *above* ~~on-tasting~~ Bod
- 421 the salt bitterness of ] it was bitter with the Bod  
there; ] there Bod  
there: 1834  
there! 1840
- 422 steed beside,] steed beside *below two instances of* ~~ourser~~ there, Bod
- 426 likeness ] semblance *above* likeness *with* likeness *in ink overwriting* likeness *in pencil* Bod  
~~likeness~~ BSM/XVII
- 428 leaped ] [ ? ] *above* ~~leaped~~ Bod
- 430 frantic ] *above* fearful Bod  
[~~fearful~~] BSM/XVII
- 431 cried, “Now ] cried—now *after said* Bod  
cried, “Now, 1834 1839 1840
- 433 “My name is ] ~~I am the~~ *above* My name is Bod  
dry, ] dry Bod  
dry 1834 1839 1840
- 436 three death-wounds— ] many wounds Bod  
had ate ] *in ink, above* burnt Bod
- 437 have no longer been ] *above* ~~no longer am~~ Bod      been Bod ] [here] BSM/XVII
- 438 I am ] I am ~~the~~ *above* ~~am grown~~ Bod
- 439 smother:— ] smother Bod  
smother;— 1829 1839 1840
- 440 t of kisst *written over* ed Bod
- 441 *Line preceded by various canceled false starts, including* ~~If thou art Poison and Unless the Except the lips of Death~~ Bod
- 442 seek’st ] seekest Bod 1839 1840
- 443 dell— ] *above* Earth Bod  
dell; 1840

- 444 shalt ] ~~canst~~ with ~~shalt~~ above and mayest below, all in pencil Bod
- 445 In my sweet boy, ]  
 Which the men gave my boy— in ink, overwriting a penciled line ending ~~but thou must tell~~ Bod  
 boy, now ] boy—now 1839 1840
- 446 seek'st ] seekest in ink, written over penciled word Bod
- 447 food; ] food. 1834
- 449 drives not from his door ] above and below ~~stints~~ not from his ~~store~~ / ~~To feed my victims~~ Bod
- 450 alone. No more, no more!" ] ~~alone no more, no more~~ Bod  
 kissed, ] kissed 1834  
 more!" ] more." 1834
- 451 spake, ] spoke Bod
- 452 hearth ] above ~~home~~ and dwelling Bod
- 454 where ] where, 1834  
 earth ] Earth Bod
- 455 she ] she, 1834
- 456 homes now desolate, ] ~~desolated homes~~ Bod
- 459 A ring of cold, stiff ] A circle of dead Bod  
 cold, ] cold 1834
- 460 lifted high ] below ~~cried out~~ Bod
- 461 looks ] above ~~eyes~~ Bod
- 462 we must ] you will Bod
- 463 pale ] above [~~bare~~] Bod  
 feet, ] feet Bod 1834
- 464 bloodless ] [silent] above ~~fearful~~ Bod
- 465 Mine ] My Bod  
 and but ] and, but 1834  
 and but that she ] derived from various cancellations, including ~~I turned aside and~~ ~~And but for Cythna's sake~~ /



~~and her memory~~ Bod

466 Who loved me, ] ~~Who loved me,~~ Bod  
Who loved me *BSM/XVII*  
me, ] me *1834*

467 in ] ~~above with~~ Bod

468 that woman offered ] which she did offer Bod

469 And ] And, *1834*  
striven ] striven, *1834*

470 might ] *in pencil, below* ~~could canceled in pencil~~ Bod  
win ] win Bod

471 ] beams ~~above light~~ Bod

472 pallid–rapidly, ] pallid,–rapidly Bod  
pallid–rapidly, *1834*

476 where she alway ] ~~below she did abide~~ Bod

477 with anxious eyes ] *below various cancellations, including* ~~outwatching night and outwatched that storm~~ Bod  
fixed on ] ~~above watching~~ Bod

478 joy was ] joy was Bod  
joyous *BSM/XVII*

479 so I cast ] *below* ~~but the joy and threw wrapt~~ Bod

481 As to our ] *line follows canceled false start, And gladness* Bod  
and ] and, *1834*

482 deeper ] sweeter *with* er *overwriting* est Bod

484 Trod peacefully ] *above* ~~Went Came~~ quietly Bod  
waste, ] waste Bod  
waste. *1834*  
waste: *1840*

485 home ] home, Bod

486 reclined. ] reclin'd. *1817 1818 1834*

- 487 heart ] *above* limbs Bod
- 488 And sweetest ] And after sweet Bod  
kisses ] *above* ~~caresses~~ Bod
- 489 meal:—as ] meal;—as ] Bod  
blossom ] blossom, *1840*
- 490 shrunk ] ~~pale~~ Bod
- 492 Thus ] So Bod  
spirit ] *below* ~~blood~~ Bod
- 493 eyes, ] eyes *1834*
- 494 health, ] health Bod *1834*