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
Their Thier Bod
unrisen uprisen 1829

looks, looks 1829

roar:—the files compact roar . . . the files compact below the turns Bod roar: the files compact 1840

Their Our Bod
bloodier bloody Bod
chasm:—into below chasm; within and where Bod
chasm: into 1840

alive alive, 1829 1839 1840

mass, mass 1834

blood, blood 1829 1834 1839 1840
mortal steel mortal steel 1834

prey, prey Bod 1840

death; — Bod death: 1834

their after thier Bod

hopes, hopes: colon in pencil; dash (placed at bottom of line) in ink Bod hopes; 1829 1839 1840

Thus sudden, unexpected Thud, a mighty hasty above mighty Bod
Thus Thus, 1834

sight— sight 1817 1818

moved—I lived— as I lived I moved—; — Bod
moved—lived— as 1834

stony ghastly Bod
light light, 1829 1839 1840

trod;—to steed to Bod
trod; to 1840
in ] to Bod
brothers ] brothers, 1834
stedfast ] steadfast Bod 1839 1840
troop, ] troop Bod troop; 1834 1839 1840
overthrown ] overthrown, 1834
It gained ] Towards the Bod
Towards the BSM/XVII
It gain’d 1839
grassy ] little Bod
Immoveably ] We reached the hills; Bod
Immovably 1839
we stood— ] and there Bod
extended, ] extended; Bod
extended 1834
cry ] cry Bod
cry, 1834 1839 1840
flocked ] came Bod
while ] whilst Bod
horsemens ] horsemans 1817 1818 1834
tho' ] tho Bod
tho', 1834
though 1839 1840
them:—flesh ] him / flesh & bone on successive pages Bod
them: flesh 1840
More fast ] Frequent Bod
laughed ] laught Bod
laugh’d 1817 1818 1834
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 ] easterten written over eastern below high Heavens steep Bod
high ] high BSM/XVII
steep ] steep BSM/XVII

107 It ] He Bod
sink— ] 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
beasts of blood, ] above [venomous] Bod
——?—— BSM/XVII

behind ] behind, 1834 1839 1840

good, ] good Bod 1840

its ] it’s in pencil, above my Bod [it’s] BSM/XVII

hair ] hair, 1829 1834 1839 1840

Under ] Beneath Bod
feet!—I ] feet . . then from I Bod
feet! I 1840

ghastlier—in ] ghastly precedes ghastlier above fearful Bod
ghastlier, in 1840

tell ] fell, 1829 1834 1839 1840

shed'st ] shedst Bod
shedd'st 1829 1834 1839 1840

air, ] air. 1829

pest’s ] Pest’s 1829 1839 1840
Bane ] bane; 1829
bane 1839 1840

death ] death, 1834 1839 1840

ministered ] minister'd 1829 1839 1840
plain ] plain, 1834

sun-beam’s ] sunbeam’s 1840

firm ] firm, 1834 1839 1840

day ] day, 1834 1839 1840

term ] term, 1834 1839 1840

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

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
dead. — 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
       We 1834 1839 1840
spake ] spoke Bod
word ] word, 1834 1839 1840

184  fled ] [?sped] Bod

185  disspread ] disspread, 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
From that lone ruin, And from the portal, Bod uncanceled in BSM/XVII

forever] for ever 1834 1839 1840

enchanted] enchanted Bod 1829 1834 1839 1840

music,] music Bod 1834 1840

wizard] wisard Bod

be seen by those who] were seen by whoso Bod

heard and seen–another] seen but ere another Bod

two] two, 1834

or saw,] & saw Bod

felt] felt, 1834 1839 1840

other;] other__ Bod

other. 1834

Cythna– Bod

Cythna 1829 1839 1840

feel] turn above feel Bod

feel BSM/XVII

sister] Cythna 1818 1834 1839 1840

looked),] looked, Bod

looked,) 1834 1839

And felt her strength in] Her firmness into Bod

fail] fail below melt and beside [?pale] Bod

And,] And Bod 1834 1839 1840

in my embrace] within my arms Bod

on] upon Bod

unquiet] above beating Bod

said:] said, 1834

battle,] battle Bod
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

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

gone, ] dead; Bod

241 Fair clinging ] Entwining Bod

ivy pale ] dark ivy Bod

242 a ] its Bod

244 The ] Th' 1834

seasons none disturbed, ] seasons none above summer had disturbed not Bod

blossoming ] above Bod

246 The ] Th' 1834 above winter Bod

247 flowering ] above blossoming Bod parasites, ] parasites Bod 1834

248 their sweet ] odorous Bod
wind] winds Bod

intertwining] intertwined Bod

fingers] fingers, 1834

soft] below low and, above that, sweet Bod

listening] starlight and moonlight below silent Bod

[?starbright] BSM/XVII  [——] [?light] BSM/XVII

where] what Bod
go,] are– Bod

what sweet dream] what wild dream above whither come Bod

thro'] thro Bod through 1839 1840

far and pathless passion,] sweet & solemn feeling, Bod

life,] life Bod 1829 1834 1839 1840

whirlpools] whirlpool above bosom Bod

Spreading swift wings] above Making its wings Bod

dim air;] wind above light air Bod

utmost] remotest Bod

To] “To Bod

Our spirits,] Our tamed hearts Bod

fearful overthrow] fatal overthrow above fearful overthrow Bod

Tho'] Tho Bod Though 1839 1840

power,] above sense, Bod

atmosphere,] atmosphere above sky Bod

clouds] shades Bod

flow,] flow: Bod

Beneath] below While Watching Bod

doth] above did Bod

wildering] below speechless Bod
together past, together spent above had past together, Bod
fears, fears Bod 1834

common blood blood itself 1818 1834 1839 1840
frames, above veins Bod

That ch of Which overwritten by The Bod
the features our features, Bod

found a voice:– found a voice Bod
and ere that voice did pass above and whilst these things did pass Bod

thro' thro' Bod through 1839 1840

morass, morass Bod 1834

Meteor meteor Bod
Meteor, 1834 1840

pallid palid 1834
while whilst Bod

quivering [quiving] Bod
[?quietly] BSM/XVII
bent, beat, Bod

strangest sounds solemn music Bod
moving dark Bod

spirit’s angels above spirits Bod

Meteor meteor Bod
shewed showed 1839 1840

thick ties thick tresses above loose locks Bod

hair hair, 1818 1834 1839 1840
gathered gathering in ink above its soft Bod

as twin phantoms of one in ink, above like the images of a Bod

a dim well, a dim well above midnight wells; Bod
move moves above floats Bod
ecstacies, ecstacies—Bod
ecesties, 1839

to its far morass now above grew more pallid—Bod

veins in ink, above hearts Bod

still; mute, Bod
that burned in ink, above which flowed and an indecipherable canceled word—Bod

frame, frame in ink, below veins Bod
frame 1834

Around above Upon Bod
fire; ire of fire written over ame of flame Bod
and then Bod

swoon trance Bod

this earth’s this earths above mortal life Bod

sense, sense above which is power Bod

seasons, Bod 1834 1839 1840
mankind mankind, 1834 1839 1840

fear hope Bod line canceled in Bod

limb limbs Bod
or & Bod
quick above fast Bod

Thro' tears of a wide mist Thro' wide mist of joy Bod
Thro' Through 1839 1840
mist mist, 1834 1839 1840

What is the strong control what is the strong control BSM/XVII not canceled in Bod; in ink above canceled pencil line
controil control 1839 1840

heart soul Bod
that a Bod
323    roll, ] roll Bod 1834
324    restless ] above tranced
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
    enchants ] 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
winds. —Far thro' winds; far thro' far in ink above new Bod winds. —Far through 1839 1840

the garments white the garment white below was faintly seen Bod

gust, and blast; And Bod

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

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tread, ] tread 1834

Shook with Quaked to Bod

Mock mocked Bod

sped ] below fled Bod

Where Death and Fire had Death and, below it, Fires within various false starts and cancellations, including The slaughter and Where blood & fire had spoil ] [?wreck] below spoil Bod

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in a wood } above among groves Bod wood, 1829 1839 1840

leaves ] in ink, above hair canceled in ink Bod

scattering fed ] below streamed with choked above and strewed below it Bod

hungry storm; ] whirlwind Bod

a place of blood } in ink, written over something else with, below it, the lightning flood Bod

dwellings ] above ruins Bod

Flooded with ] below Of the black rafters ribbed the BSM/XVII

black rafters } above naked heap Bod

and babes, and men, ] & men & babes Bod

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
to taste, ] above on tasting Bod

the salt bitterness of ] it was bitter with the Bod there; ] there Bod there: 1834 there! 1840

steed beside,] steed beside below two instances of courser there, Bod

likeness ] semblance above likeness with likeness in ink overwriting likeness in pencil Bod likeness BSM/XVII

leaped ][ ? ] above leaped Bod

frantic ] above fearful Bod [?fearful] BSM/XVII

cried, “Now ] cried–now after said Bod cried, “Now, 1834 1839 1840

“My name is ] I am the above My name is Bod dry, ] dry Bod dry 1834 1839 1840

three death-wounds– ] many wounds Bod had ate ] in ink, above burnt Bod

have no longer been ] above no longer am Bod been Bod ] [here] BSM/XVII

I am ] I am the above am grown Bod

smother:— ] smother Bod smother;— 1829 1839 1840

t of kisst written over ed Bod

Line preceded by various canceled false starts, including If thou art Poison and Unless the Except the lips of Death Bod

seek’st ] seekest Bod 1839 1840

dell— ] above Earth Bod dell; 1840
shall | with shall | above and mayest below, all in pencil | Bod

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

seek’st | seekest in ink, written over penciled word | Bod

food; | food. 1834

drives not from his door | above and below stints not from his store / To feed my victims | Bod

alone. No more, no more!” | alone no more, no more | Bod

kissed, | kissed 1834

more!” | more.” 1834

spake, | spoke Bod

hearth | above home and dwelling | Bod

where | where, 1834

earth | Earth Bod

she | she, 1834

homes now desolate, | desolate homes Bod

A ring of cold, stiff | A circle of dead Bod

cold, | cold 1834

lifted high | below cried out Bod

looks | above eyes Bod

we must | you will Bod

pale | above bare Bod

feet, | feet Bod 1834

bloodless | [silent] above fearful Bod

Mine | My Bod

and but | and, but 1834

and but that she | derived from various cancellations, including I turned aside and | Bod

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
palid–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

480 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 sunk } pale Bod

492 Thus } So Bod
spirit } below blood Bod

493 eyes, } eyes 1834

494 health, } health Bod 1834