Canto Eighth

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.

Our omission of the printer’s double quotation marks and our alternative interpolation of single quotation marks into the text of 1817 to signify Cythna’s speech within her speech, or that of the other characters she quotes in this canto, is not recorded below. We also do not collate any of these variants from the other editions listed among the primary collations. For an itemized list of these emendations entered into the text of this Canto, see the Textual Note appended to the Overview at the head of the Commentary for Canto VIII.

1 line preceded by I took my seat beside the steersman then and And bade the sailors | sailors spread the sails Bod and ] and, 1834 1839 1840 gazing ] preceded by said Bod

2 west ] west above seas

3 sinking ] setting Bod watch-tower ] watch tower 1840

4 entire line preceded by Even yet the lighthouse will and the breeze winds are fleet Bod

5 stream ] above breeze Bod

6 stars, ] stars; 1834 1839 1840 tremble ] win of twinkle overwritten by re Bod

8 entire line revised from We must not rest this night upon the sea Bod sea!— ] sea;— 1834 1839 1840

9 entire line revised from [There] Why linger ye those who seek a [?glorious] destiny Bod (ye uncompleted form of yet?)
entire line written below

The captain Bod

and ] and, 1834 1839 1840

wicked ghosts ] above water spirits Bod

water spirits BSM/XVII

dream, ] dream 1834

that!’—The ] that!’ The 1834 1839 1840

islets, borne by wind and stream, ]

isles, & flew with wind & stream sailed above flew in canceled partial stanza Bod

sailed, ] sailed 1834

near ] near, 1834

listen;—in ] listen; in 1834

pale ] above descending Bod

calm ] [?wild] Bod

rear; ] fear above blotted rear Bod

rear: 1829 1840

Ye all are ] Ye are all 1839 1840

Ye ] We Bod

broad moon gives] [ ? ] stars give Bod

wear, ] wear. 1834 1839 1840

speak—beneath ] speak, beneath 1834

Your own hands ] That your hands Bod

an ] a Bod 1829 1834 1839 1840

For some, ] Where now Bod

fond eyes are pining ] above some fond eyes pine Bod

his ] your Bod

rush from the ] will [greet] beside above play near the Bod [greet] ] [?meet] BSM/XVII

final version of line written vertically on inside margin Bod
to pain crime above second pain Bod
they have seen God, and heard from God, ] that they themselves have heard and seen, 1818 1834 1839 1840

56 known ] above known heard Bod

57 is all our law, ] good appears twice Bod
And that his will is all our law, a rod ]
A Shade, a Form, which Earth and Heaven between 1818 1834 1839 1840

58 us ] above all men and mankind Bod
To scourge us into slaves—that ] Wields an invisible rod—that 1818 1834 1839 1840
that Priests and Kings, ] tis the [?misfortune] [?our] Bod tis the [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] BSM/XVII

59 ‘‘And it is said, ] And ye are told Bod
that God ] this Power 1818 1834 1839 1840

60 Yes, add despair ] He will add woe Bod

61 his red hell’s undying ] deepest hell, and deathless 1818 1834 1839 1840
among ] among, 1818 1834 1839 1840

62 bind ] plunge Bod
he ] is 1818 1834 1839 1840

63 like ] as Bod

64 lived; —for, ] lived—& Bod
lived; —for 1818 1834 1839 1840

65 line preceded by canceled passage including With words whose forms thy [will], make blind Bod
With [words] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ? ] [ ? ] [ ] [ ? ], make [ ?blind] BSM/XVII
they say, ] men say above they say Bod
say, ] say 1818 1834 1839 1840

66 this line below The will of strength is law ] just above law Bod

67 Tyrants, ] The Imposter Bod
Tyrants 1817
rule, ] rule 1834
lies] lies, 1834

73 opinion] Opinion 1834 1839 1840

dim] below thick Bod

74 now fading on] that fades beneath Bod

75 tho'] though 1839 1840

77 tho'] though 1839 1840

79 shadow,] shadow 1818 1834 1839 1840

barren waves of ocean] inhospitable waves see above waves Bod

ocean,] ocean; 1834 1839 1840

79 tyrant;] tyrant, 1817

80 Command,] Command 1834

fear,] fear 1834

81 wreak,] wreak 1834

or suffer woe.] below [and overthrow] Bod

entire line revised from For God is a name which maketh holy Bod

sign] above name Bod

83 the dream, the shade] the shade, the dream Bod 1817 1818 corrected in errata

the dream, the shade, 1834 1839 1840

power,—lust,] power—lust, 1818 1829 1834 1839 1840

84 lust, falsehood, hate, and pride, and folly;] above and below the child of falsehood and gray folly Bod

fraud and wrong] fraud above wrong & force Bod

line written below canceled false starts including A law in this dark world Bod

love,] love 1834

87 well known]

well- above unknown alters previous canceled line, And human love or justice, names unknown Bod

dear mother,]

88 multiple revisions and cancellations above dear parent include dear mother below departed friend Bod

and] and, 1834 1839 1840

thrown,] flown, Bod
“O love! O human Love, Bod
who] which Bod wandering] above erring Bod

Ocean’s weary Oceans weary above unreposing Bod
waves! waves, 1834

or joy! and joy! 1817 1818 corrected in errata
those] these 1817
thou 1818 1834 1839 1840 1818 corrected in errata

labyrinth] above dungeons Bod

one clear star the seaman below the [?dry] shore the shipwrecked Bod
saves,—] saves. 1817 1818 1834 1839 1840

good,] above pleasure Bod

freedom] freedom, 1839 1840
tho’ thro’] though through 1839 1840

crime,] crime 1817
tho’] though 1839 1840
friend’s] hearts Bod

And] And, 1834 1839 1840
inmost] above [?blosmy] Bod [?bloomy] BSM/XVII
thought,] thought Bod

line reads Until lifes so others day light are [?blown] Bod

line preceded by And to these melodies of sense & thought with daylight and Which with below Bod
To sit and] To sit, and Bod
with Joy,] at flowers, Bod
or, not alone,] or not alone Bod

salt] slow Bod
worn] [?warm] BSM/XVII
Woe;] [?love] BSM/XVII

one,—] one.— 1834
Earth, ] Earth 1834  
destiny ] glorious joy Bod

another, ] the other. Bod

For it ] above Because Bod  
For it is said God ] And as one Power 1818 1834 1839 1840

And ] So 1818 1834 1839 1840  
captive ] above bond slave Bod

his ] her 1818 1834 1839 1840  her above his Bod

mother, ] mother 1834

darkened— ] poisoned. Bod

man, ] man 1817 1834  
slave; ] slave, 1834

his chiefs delight in ruin ] above the pride & sport of kings Bod

he is pursuing ] below of his undoing Bod  [?] his undoing BSM/XVII  
pursuing ] pursuing, 1834

O, ] O 1834  
obscure ] not in Bod

slave, ] slave; 1834

the child of scorn, ] a child of scorn below Friends whence are ye Bod

The ] above An Bod  
home, ] home. 1834 1839 1840

As ] below Even as and, above it, Like Bod

born, ] born 1829 1834 1839 1840

oppressors ] oppressor Bod

need ] above might Bod

its ] above their Bod
entire line below

That the dark faith whose

world, ] world 1834

moon!— ] moon:— 1834

vapour ] mist Bod

Man ] below truth Bod

whose ] above his Bod  his will Bod his will BSM/XVII
gone. ] flown Bod

equal!—from ] equal!—From 1834 1839 1840

feel ] above hear Bod

tho' ] through 1839 1840

alas, ] Alas, 1834 1839 1840

legends ] below books which Bod

old ] below told Bod

immortal ] eternal Bod

discord of your hearts, ] miseries ye have known Bod

hearts, ] hearts 1834 1839 1840

pouring ] above shedding Bod

Forth on ] Upon Bod

steel and gold, ] gold & Scythian steel Bod

unfold! ] Unfold! 1834

Stained ] Stain'd 1840

have ] above are Bod

thus! ] thus? 1834 1839 1840

or of for overwrites ro of from Bod

from BSM/XVII

inevitable ] unwilling Bod

the doom ] it is the doom Bod
Is this, which has, \( \text{or may Bod} \)
\begin{align*}
\text{must } & 1834 1839 1840 \\
\text{must, } & 1834 1839 1840 \\
\text{human kind's. } & 1834 \\
\text{line reads } & \text{Gathered by time to glut the famished tomb Bod} \\
\text{above deck Bod} & \\
\text{above snares Bod} & \\
\text{hearts Bod} & \\
\text{mirrors } & \text{BSM/XVII} \\
\text{who, } & 1834 \\
\text{a Bod} & \\
\text{Enduring there Bod} & \\
\text{Hate or Scorn that Bod} & \\
\text{evil, } & \text{and, above that, sacred Bod} \\
\text{self reproach Bod} & \\
\text{its Bod } & 1829 1834 1839 1840 \\
\text{entwine } & \text{entwine 1839 1840} \\
\text{bitterness, Bod} & \\
\text{tenfold Bod} & \\
\text{bright above fair Bod} & \\
\text{Clasped round its bloodless spoil, it } & \text{prey below spoil Bod} \\
\text{Scorn not thy brothers Bod} & \\
\text{thy heart; Bod} & \\
\text{thine own nor hate thy Bod} & \\
\text{another’s } & \text{above thy [brothers] Bod}
nor loathe thine own. ] nor loathe thine own below but love Bod

195 be at rest... ] be at peace rest... below Love demands Bod peace BSM/XVII

196 thine ] below our Bod

197 can ] above may Bod

198 might ] may Bod

199 “Speak ] “Speak, 1834

200 sail;—thou ] sail,—Thou 1834 thou readest well the misery ] well hast thou read the misery Bod

202 Told in these faded eyes, ] Traced on our countenance Bod countenances BSM/XVII

204 dare not ] cannot Bod write ] preceded by learn to Bod dishonoured ] withered Bod

208 “Yes—I must speak— ] As I hear thy [? ] words; canceled in abandoned half stanza in Bod my secret should have ] canceled in abandoned half stanza in Bod should ] would 1834 1839 1840

210 flame ] bold e of flame overwrites es of flames Bod [flames] BSM/XVIII

211 bosom ] below heart Bod

212 Thee, ] Thou Bod mild ] wild 1834

215 dividing ] below boundless and, above it, dissevering Bod dissevering ] [ ? ] BSM/XVII

216 unregarded ] un below dis of disregarded Bod calm and happy ] calm & happy below honourable Bod

217 “We drag afar from ] after numerous false starts, including We come from and We bear from Bod fairest, ] fairest 1834 1839 1840

218 mountains lone, ] below lonely dales Bod [? ] dales BSM/XVII
lone, ] lone; 1834

219 drag ] [bear] Bod

220 stained and trampled ] scorned & trampled above turned to uses vile; Bod

222 dear ] fair Bod

225 entire line preceded by Which like the image of a flower in the and Which upon the stars Bod

up ] forth Bod

226 must ] preceded by will Bod

227 Alas, alas!’ ] Alas alas above The doom is fixed Bod

228 cowering— ] down, Bod

sobs ] preceded by loud Bod

230 'till the stars 'gan to fail, ] beneath the starlight pale Bod

'till ] till 1829 1839 1840

fail, ] fail. 1840

231 And ] All 1834 1839 1840

232 gazed, ] gazed above stood, Bod

Pilot, ] Pilot 1834

233 locks, ] looks, 1817 1818 1834 corrected in errata

234 Met mine in restless awe— ] In awe was fixed on mine— Bod

235 “'Recede not! pause not now! ] Ye must not pause I cried.— We above Ye Bod

238 the ] their Bod [?there] BSM/XVII

239 soul? ] hearts Bod

for your own, ] for own, 1817 1818 corrected in errata

240 others’ ] other’s Bod 1817 1818 1834 1839 1840

241 A heart ] soul below multiple cancellations of A heart Bod

242 violate?—be ] violate?—Be 1834 1839 1840

here, ] here 1834
243 firm ] true Bod
    they ] They 1834 1839 1840

244 with ] d possibly intended for doth overwrites wi of with Bod  [doth] BSM/XVII

245 the ] at superscripted over e turns the into that Bod

246 thousand echoes ] sudden echo Bod

247 entire line preceded by Into the air—Liberty,—Liberty and Upon the winds [For] the souls like them Bod

248 with ] in Bod

249 Bolts were undrawn, ] bolts were undrawn below bonds were untied Bod

250 deck, ] deck 1834
eye ] eyes Bod

252 inconstant ] flickering Bod

254 the shrines of unawakened thought, ] below of evanescence, Bod
    evanescence BSM/XVII

255 brows as bright ] lips & brows Bod
    as bright as spring or morning, ere ] unstained—ere yet Pollution there Bod

256 entire line above The records of impure endurance wrought Bod

257 of cloud which wither not.— ] which may be not.— Bod  not— BSM/XVII

260 breathless ] above cloudless Bod

261 Sweet talk, ] Sweet talk above Whispers Bod  [—?] [talk] BSM/XVII

262 mute, ] mute; 1834

263 hue ] hue, 1834
    blown, ] blown 1834

266 Shewed ] Showed 1839 1840