Canto Eleventh

Text collated with:

Bod [adds. e. 10; variant versions of the same line on different pages of this MS are denoted by a dash followed by the MS page number, e.g., Bod-173; variant versions of the same line on the same page are denoted by page number and superscript, e.g., Bod-171¹, Bod-171²]

1817
1818
1829 (only select variants from this edition are recorded)
1834
1839
1840

Departures from Jones’s transcription of Bod 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.

1  line preceded by I stood beside her but she saw me not. Bod

2  mountain’s ] mountains Bod

3  not, breathed not, ] not breathed not Bod

4  Over her look ] below O Upon her ] look Bod

5  solitude, ] solitude– Bod

6  line preceded by A voiceless thought uncommunicating Bod

   depth;—she ] depth;—she Bod

   depth.—She 1834 1839

   death.—She 1840

   alone, ] alone . . Bod

   alone; 1829 1834

7  Above, ] Above Bod

   spread;—below, ] spread; beneath with below above Bod

8  its caves; — ] the caves, with caverns above Bod

   the wind had blown ] the winds had blown below the wildflowers shone Bod

9  Her hair apart, ] Her locks apart, below Her hair apart; Bod

   thro’ ] thro Bod

   through 1834
A cloud was The clouds were Bod-167

A cloud? was? above The clouds were Bod-168

o'er Bod

mountains; Bod

its blue and moveless its blue black moveless above their calm & purple with black in pencil Bod

North: — WestNorth . Bod

day Bod
dying: — Bod

Sudden Bod 1834

forth; Bod

1834 1840

on Ocean, strange to see, when Ocean & the sky above upon the purple sea with strange to see below Bod

which, 1834 1839 1840

line preceded by Like smoke in conflagration Bod
tossed above writhed Bod

line preceded by In the collected foam Bod

red after wine Bod

wrecks above ships Bod

line preceded by It shone upon the mountain she stood | It shone upon the mountain, a long rays beam | Of liquid radiance Bod

living beams above liquid light Bod

line appears at head of stanza, with an X denoting the need to reposition it Bod

side Bod

the cloud’s cleft was made; the clouds [?cells] was made below looks of gloom were made Bod

line reads And overhanging gloom by shadows made | The mount boundaries of a dale of cloud | Wrought above Cast | from the solid clouds the mountain drank Bod

Its waves gushed forth Of radiance below of Its waves & shone Bod

and, 1834 1839 1840

as if swayed above as if its waves obeyed Bod

By above Some Bod

some mute tempest, rolled magic fire, it shone with fell streamed above Bod

eyes and forehead above brow like morning Bod

shone. Bod
her, Bod
her. 1834 1839 1840
the] The 1834 1839 1840

24 on] in Bod

25 light,] shivering light above radiance; with shivering in pencil  Bod fade—] fade Bod

26 shape] above form and shadow Bod
its verge] below in light Bod
shiver;] quiver Bod

27 Aloft,] Aloft Bod
strings] below beams Bod
flame] fire Bod
quiver.] shiver Bod

28 not—] not Bod

29 sea, and skies, and] sea & sky & earth, Bod
earth;] earth, Bod
earth. 1834 1839 1840

30 Rapture,] Rapture above And joy Bod
and love, and admiration wrought] & love & admiration wrought Bod
admiration] admiration, 1834 1839 1840

31 tears, or mirth,] tears or mirth Bod

32 speech, or gesture,] speech or gesture Bod
whate'er] whateer  [whatere] BSM/XVII

33 joy; which,] joy, which above gladness, Bod
feeling] feelings Bod

34 That] above Which Bod
there] there, Bod 1834 1839 1840
united,] united . . Bod
shot] above sent Bod

35 far] above deep Bod
eyes,] eyes
a light of deep revealing,] the light of a revealing with deep above

36 All but her dearest self] All less beloved shapes above Which made the sunlight dim;  Bod
concealing. ] concealing Bod

37 parted, ] parted . . Bod
and the measured breath ] but the measured breath above only the regular breath Bod

38 Was now heard there; — ] Alone was heard; Bod
dark ] below deep Bod
eyes ] eyes, 1834

39 orb, ] orb Bod

40 line preceded by Saw not; they felt that [ ? ], her. Bod
Absorbed ] after Were Bod
glories ] glory Bod
skies, ] skies Bod

41 line not present in MS, except for mingling Bod

42 line reads burst from her [?wrap] countenance with rapt below Bod-169
Broke forth from her rapt countenance; and breathes Bod-171
Broke forth from her rapt countenance, & beams with
lineaments – & breath light above and below line Bod-173

43 line reads Of glory like to smiles in human guise with beaming above Bod-171
Of human smiles on her fair cheek Bod-171
like love, did rise ] below did smiles, in and I saw her Bod-173

44 line preceded by From An An atmosphere which rapt her | From her bare arms and bosom Bod
frame, an ] frame,—an 1834 1839 1840

45 bright. ] bright Bod

46 line preceded by She would have lapped in | She was like twilight while the sunken | Those eyes Bod
to her glowing frame; ] to that frame frame with glowing above, all above me in those liquid arms Bod-173
to her glowing heart with frame above Bod-174

47 line preceded by She would Those living lips would soon have | Those lips would have impressed their fire on
mine Bod-173
might ] above woulds Bod-174

48 line preceded by On mine their fire & fragrance, which the air with which their below Bod
mine ] me Bod
fragrance and the ] fragrance & the below music & the Bod
invisible ] invisible the Bod
cold ] wild Bod
stole; — ] stole . . . Bod

languid heart her dearest head; ] fainting heart her languid head Bod

might ] should Bod
voice, ] voice . . . Bod
and sweet; ] & sweet Bod

Her ] Those Bod
eyes ] eyes, 1834
mingling ] after weal [for would?] Bod
mine, ] mine Bod
might soon ] above would Bod

joy. — ] joy, Bod
One ] and one Bod

gazed— ] gazed: Bod
then, ] then Bod
meet! ] meet Bod

once ] once, Bod
Earth ] earth 1840
again! ] again. Bod

fled— ] fled, Bod
her eager tone ] her eager voice tones below & her sweet tones Bod

Sunk ] after Almost Bod
Sank 1834 1839 1840
heart, ] heart . . Bod

line written above Of the wild wind which bore it, to Bod
Around ] around BSM/XVII
own, ] own Bod

line preceded by O the wind which bore it, to — my choice | Even to her will . . Ah me, she said | And now forego [no] my purpose . . Bod
gone. ] gone— Bod

"I cannot reach thee! ] Wher Laon I cannot reach thee in pencil, above Laon, sweet Laon Bod
fly? ] fly Bod

My steps are faint—Come back, ] My steps are faint above It is thy Cythna calls— I paused Bod
My ] "My 1817 1818 1834
faint—Come ] faint.—Come 1834 1840

62 Return, ] "Return, 1817 1818 1834 me! ] me, Bod return"—the ] return; the Bod return!"—The 1834 return!" The 1839 1840 past ] pass'd 1834 passed 1839 1840 by ] by, Bod

63 which ] which Bod faint, far, and lingeringly. ] faint, silent & fair. above faltcringly Bod

64 Woe! woe! ] Woe, woe Bod midnight—Want ] midnight! Bod midnight.—Want 1834 1839 1840 Want and Pest ] Want & Pest below thro the streets | far & near | Hunger & Pest Bod

65 Were horrible, ] Are terrible; Bod rear, ] rear Bod

66 swarming lair, its crest ] swarming lair above and eminent crest; Bod crest ] crest, 1834


68 Hell: ] Hell; Bod

69 his ] that Bod that BSM/XVII blind agony, ] blind agony above own agony, Bod stung ] dying stung dead below stung Bod

70 line preceded by By his own high sting Bod his burning ] the burning with his above Bod

71 fire; ] fire, Bod but still there clung ] but above but death to him and and still there clung Bod

72 line interrupted by various cancellations, including to them, like sword on breaking—hung | Each like a writhing Scorpion by the fear | And agony & like a zone of fire Bod starting ] below trembling Bod uphung: ] uphung Bod
death was no more \below death was not hope\ Bod
rest; \below rest\ Bod

life— \below life. Bod
it was despair to be! \below it was despair to be . . . below \[?fierce\] \below to \[?\] Bod

sleep, \below sleep\ Bod

dispossest \below dispossest 1839 1840

All natural dreams: \below All visions: below \[?O\] [ ? ] dreams Bod
dreams: \below dreams; 1840
to wake was not to weep, \below and to wake was but to weep Bod

gaze \below stare. Bod
pallid, \below pallid Bod
palid 1834

Future, \below future, Bod
a \below after the Bod
snaky \below fiery Bod

some tyrant’s eye, \below The Eye of God Bod
eye, \below eye 1834

withering \below above steady Bod
slaves, \below slaves Bod

steps; \below shuddering Bod \[?\][?—] BSM/XVII
steps; they \below steps:—they 1834 1839 1840
Hell’s \below Hells Bod
sulphureous \below sulphurous BSM/XVII
surge. \below surge Bod

Each of that multitude alone, \below Each of those myriads was alone \below in ink, above Bod
Those myriads, each in solitude, \below one hope yet knew; \below one hope still knew in ink, below as on a peak \[? \] Bod

outward things, \below earthly things; with outward in ink, above Bod
one hope yet knew; \below one hope still knew in ink, below as on a peak \[? \] Bod

As on a foam-girt crag some \below Amid the rising waves, a Bod
seaman tost, \below a \[?\] \below season lost below seaman tost Bod \below lost \below BSM/XVII
tost, \below lost 1834

line preceded by \below A tempest Bod
Stares at \below Looks on in ink, above Gazes upon Bod
the crew \below each one Bod
86  line reads Ere yet the rapid splash – one hope, still threw, with knew, below Bod
thro' } through 1839 1840
thro'; ] thro', 1834
through; 1839
through, 1840

87  line preceded by Like death lights in the channel | It floated in the night of their despair | Like death lights thro
the [? years] Bod
Each, ] Each Bod
heard, ] heard Bod

88  Started from sick despair, ] in ink, above Started but & [?] Bod

89  line preceded by A whisper on the wind, or if one word, | [?] the true | Of his pale lips grew paler Bod
or, ] or, Bod

90  Which none can gather yet, ] in ink, below Like wind on slumbering mists, canceled in ink Bod
distant ] in ink, above breathless canceled in ink Bod
stirred. ] stirred Bod

91  cheeks ] lips Bod-178
   cheeks above lips Bod-178
   cheeks, 1834 1839 1840
with } above in Bod-178
death, ] death Bod 1829

92  from ] above with Bod
hope? ] hope, Bod
they had sustained despair. ] more dreadful than despair? Bod-178
   the dying they have sustained above they watch in mute despair Bod-178

93  watched ] stood Bod-178

94  night? ] night; Bod-178
they are not here ] ha who goes there above they Bod-178
   the wild storm outspread | Almighty God, they cry he is not Bod-178
   he is not here | midnight is here – with published version below Bod-179

95  The } after Thus Bod
victims, ] victims; Bod
hour by hour, ] hour by hour above each hour Bod
a vision ] above in torments Bod
drear, ] drear Bod

96  clay cold ] clay-cold 1829 1834 1839 1840
dead; ] dead Bod

97 wreathed ] [?wreathed] BSM/XVII
writhed 1834 1839 1840
fear.— ] fear Bod
fear. 1840

98 line reads The reptiles on the atheists devoted bier | X Are dread stillness wraps the living Bod

99 shines—ha! ] shines — hark with ha above Bod
shines—Ha! 1839 1840
hear'st ] hearst Bod

100 line preceded by X Still horror wraps the living Bod
feet? ] feet . . . Bod
laughter? ] laughter . . . Bod
the shout, the scream, ] the shout the scream below the turbulence | tumultuous joy Bod

101 not ] Not Bod
contained? ] contained— Bod
see! ] see. Bod
See! 1834 1840
hark! ] hark Bod

102 come, ] come — Bod
come! 1834 1839 1840
way! ] way! . . Bod
alas, ye] alas they with ye above Bod
Alas, ye 1834 1839 1840

103 Falsely—'tis ] Falsely., tis Bod
Falsely—'t is 1829

104 Driven, ] Driven Bod
like a troop of spectres, ] [?brethren] driven terrors above into raging fury by written over to Bod
thro' ] thro Bod through 1839 1840
dark, ] dark Bod 1839 1840

105 bright death-fire ] bright death fire below living Bod
sprung, ] sprung Bod

106 lurid ] after comet Bod
earth-star, ] earth-star, Bod

107 and ] and, 1834
widely, ] widely Bod
There was the silence of a deep despair | When that the last echo of that laughter wild | Comes from a distant street, but who cries Bod

Joined those in wild won those grim mysteries Bod

strange ] wild Bod
fearful ] horrid Bod
sympathies; ] sympathies

his aged Senate ] the aged senate above the sleepless council Bod

stony ] sleepless Bod
when one ] when One above suddenly came Bod

Sudden before them stood, ] without comma, below And stood amongst them Bod
Stranger ] stranger Bod
alone. ] alone Bod

Warriors ] warriors BSM/XVII

hermit’s ] hermits Bod

face; ] below countenance; Bod
but ] but, 1834
spake, ] spake Bod
his ] above the Bod
tone, ] tone Bod

matter ] matter, Bod
thought ] below ears Bod ears ] [ ? ] BSM/XVII

Earnest, ] after Firm and above Calm, mild Bod
calm, ] calm above clear, Bod
start; ] start Bod

For ] and above For in that For Bod
For, 1834
accents ] accents, Bod

Unusual ] after The Bod
did fall— ] came down— Bod
a spirit-quelling dart. ] not in Bod

"Ye ] Ye above Among the Bod
Earth, ] Earth.— Bod

line preceded by O miserable men, ye | Amid the ruin ye have [mad] | Amid the ruins ye have piled | Amid the desolation Bod
ruin ] ruins Bod
made, ] made Bod
made; 1829 1834 1839 1840

Yes, ] Yes Bod
desolation ] Desolation 1834
heard ] above at Bod
trumpet’s blast, ] trumpets blast Bod

And sprang from sleep!— ] And sprang from sleep above was wakened . . Bod
sleep!—dark ] sleep!—Dark 1834
dark Terror ] below death & misery with torment above Bod

bidding—O, ] bidding; oh, Bod
bidding—Oh 1834 1839 1840
I ] I, 1834 1839 1840

foe, ] foe above enemy Bod
set ] above make Bod

evil casts a ] evil casts a below evil still hatred and after ill woe Bod
shade, ] shade Bod 1834 1839 1840

soon, ] soon— Bod
Hate ] ill hate above there Bod

ill ] below like Bod

"Ye ] Ye Bod
God ] Heaven 1818 1834 1839 1840
distress; distress—Bod

distress. 1834

137 line preceded by How many knew that this Bod
the mighty ] tho' mighty 1817 1818
though mighty 1829
wise, ] wise Bod

138 Who, ] Who Bod
ye ] he 1818 1834 1839 1840
dared, ] dared Bod

139 conceive ] concieve Bod

140 thou, and thou, ] thou & thou Bod

141 blind ] bind Bod
slaves:—] slaves . . Bod
consider your own ] after know [ your hearts Bod
thought, ] thought above mind. Bod

142 empty ] vain above bloody Bod

143 idol ] Idol Bod

144 brought. ] brought Bod

145 "Ye ] Ye Bod
happiness—alas, ] happiness—alas Bod 1834 1840
day! ] day Bod

146 line written above Ye will not find in these gems & gold | Ye have not found it in the gems & gold Bod
nor ] & Bod

147 line preceded by Slaves strike not me—he said Bod
fame, ] fame 1834
sway ] sway, Bod

148 line preceded by Which is true slavery, | That empires slavery | Which like Bod
For ] Thro Bod
O ] o Bod
old, ] old Bod
old! 1829

149 Severe task mistress! ye your hearts ] To a true slavery ye yourselves Bod
task mistress! ] task-mistress! 1829 1839 1840
sold. ] sold Bod

150  die, ] die Bod 1834

151  dreams: ] dreams . . ; Bod
dreams; 1840
mortal ] above evil Bod

152  And ] Are above And Bod
then; ] then, Bod
tthen. 1834 1839 1840
if aught survive, I deem ] without comma, below all evil things I deem | but love Bod
if ] If 1834 1839 1840

153  line preceded by Into in the sunless depths; Bod
joy, ] joy: Bod
seem. ] seem Bod

154  "Fear ] Ye Fear Bod
past. ] past Bod

155  line preceded by But like But Bod
O, ] Oh Bod
Oh, 1834 1839 1840
ears ] ears, Bod

156  Glorious, and great, and calm! ] Glorious & great & tranquil . . . with calm; above Bod
cast ] after ye Bod

157  those ] these Bod
woe, ] woe Bod

158  Purple, and ] Purple & above The Bod
gold, and steel! ] gold & steel— Bod
that ye ] & that ye then with ye above Bod

159  came, ] came Bod

160  That Want, and Plague, and Fear, from ] Plague & want & fear from above What Custom faith Bod
flow; ] flow Bod

161-62  not in Bod

162  fame! ] fame. 1818 1834 1839 1840

163  "If thus 'tis well— ] If thus . . . tis well, below If ye will Bod
'tis 't is 1829
if not, I come to say } below if not listen . . Bod

164 Laon"—while ] Laon . . while Bod
Laon—". while 1834 1840
Laon—". while 1839
Stranger spoke, } stranger spake, Bod

165 Council ] council, 1817
sudden ] after uproar Bod

166 those } the Bod
young, } young Bod 1829 1834 1839 1840

167 his } those Bod

168 mountain flowers; } mountain-flowers; 1829 1839
mountain-flowers! 1840
they knew the truth, } and pierced with truth with filled above Bod

169 line reads From To vindicate its mighty they sprung with up above and from their thrones, they sprung below Bod

170 line preceded by The priests & lawyers | The [did] priests Bod

171 youth. } youth Bod

172 They } after Thier Bod
sneered—a } a ready Bod
sneered.—A 1834 1839
sneered. A 1840
slave } slave, 1834

173 throne, } throne Bod
drew } above threw Bod

174 to } above its in Bod
bloody, dark, and } bloody dark & Bod
dark, } dark 1829 1839
secret } secret, 1834
gave; } grave . . Bod

175 line preceded by An The stranger groans for he the victory knew Bod
steel } above knife Bod

176 Stranger: } stranger . . . Bod
“What hast thou to do ] what have I with ye with to do above Bod

177 line reads Unhappy slaves—Solemn severe serene with & severe above Bod

178 sinews, ] sinews Bod

179 ground, ] ground; Bod and ] and, 1834
fear, ] fear Bod

180 silently— ] silently; Bod
his voice then did the Stranger rear. ] unmoved & the stranger stood there Bod

181 line preceded by Ye fear your God Bod
"It ] It Bod
ye— ] ye Bod

182 change, ] chang— Bod
change BSM/XVII
and grey, ] & gray Bod

183 lot—your ] lot . . . your Bod
lot.—Your 1834
fame must be ] fame will be above names Bod

184 book of blood, ] book of blood below sanguine Bod
whence ] whence, Bod
milder ] above fairer Bod

185 Men shall learn ] above To teach men Bod Men shall [teach] BSM/XVII
truth, ] truth Bod
clay: ] clay Bod

186 triumph. ] above . . Bod
friend, ] friend Bod

187 your ] after [th] for thy?] Bod
betray, ] betray Bod

188 ye ] you 1829
concede ] above will grant Bod
boon. ] boon— Bod
Attend! ] attend Bod

189 apprehend. ] apprehend Bod
There beyond the Oceans of the

Where, tho' though 1839 1840
rites, rites

worshipped; worshiped; 1834
Mother's Mothers Bod
mother's 1829 1839 1840
breast, breast Bod 1839 1840

Who, Bod

woe, woe Bod

outraged after & Bod

Turns below An Bod
cainless glorious Bod
now, now Bod

It And 1834 1839 1840
draws drew Bod
Power power Bod 1840
Wisdom's Wisdens Bod
flow. flow Bod

"That Bod "This 1834 1839 1840
Eagle, Eagle Bod
young gaze above 

Feeds below Rests Bod
beam, sun, Bod
plume plumes Bod

Floats in and Defies Bod
on above in Bod
storm, storm; Bod
sun-rise] morning Bod
gleams] gleams, Bod
Earth] earth 1840
gloom;] gloom Bod
gloom. 1834

An] after Th Bod
epitaph] below glorious Bod

murdered] buried Bod
Europe] Albion below Europe, Bod
may] above well Bod
made,] made Bod

People:] Nation Bod
People! 1834 1839 1840
as] before like Bod
As 1834 1839 1840
become;] become Bod
become. 1834

night must] night done above shadows Bod

multitudinous Earth] below multitudes of Earth Bod
shall] below will Bod
sleep] rest Bod
shade.] shade Bod

"Yes,] Yes Bod
desart] desert 1829 1834 1839 1840
there] after man Bod
then 1817 1818 1834 1839 1840

Freedom.] Freedom; above Hope Bod
Genius] Genius with [gen][?2] below Bod

Heaven;] Heaven . . Bod
heaven;] 1840
there,] there Bod

man,] man Bod
fear,] fear Bod

homes:] homes Bod
homes. 1834 1839 1840
the ] The 1834 1839 1840

214 this,—that ] this— that Bod 1834
convoyed ] conveyed 1817
there— ] there Bod
there,— 1840

215 Nay, ] after Safely Bod
not ] ye Bod
name— America! ] Name— America Bod

216 you ] below thee Bod
betray. ] betray Bod

217 "With ] With Bod
ye ] above thou Bod
will. ] will . . Bod
foe!" ] foe. Bod

218 stare ] before eye | gaze | glance Bod

219 snakes ] tygers Bod
living emeralds glow, ] an Emeralds glow Bod
glow, ] glow 1834

220 eyes— ] eyes, Bod
eyes.— 1834 1839 1840
"Where, where ] where where below go, ye Bod

221 line preceded by The price is given they Bod
Laon? haste! ] Laon?— haste! 1817
Laon, [—2] haste Bod
fly! ] fly Bod
here! ] here Bod

222 boon."—"I ] boon . . . I Bod
ye, ] ye Bod ye. 1834

223 your dreadful God."—"We ] your dreadful God . . . we Bod
the Power ye dread."—"We 1818 1834 1839 1840
swear!" ] swear Bod

224 Stranger ] stranger Bod
strager BSM/XVII
threw ] after said and below drew Bod
suddenly, ] suddenly Bod

225  pride, ] pride Bod
    said, ] said entered with a caret (incorrectly) above and between pride and &  Bod
    "Lo! ] lo Bod
    he!" ] he Bod