

Robert Southey

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Kerwick. 6th April. 1838.

Dear Sir

I find your volume of poems, & the letter which accompanied it, on my return home from a fortnight's absence. I have to thank you also for a former volume, which was not acknowledged when it was received, as it should & would have been under other circumstances. But it arrived in a time of deep distress, when many things were of necessity left undone, which I should not otherwise have neglected.

It is a great satisfaction to know that any writings of mine have produced the effect which I had at heart in composing them. Proceed, as you are proceeding, & you will have the same satisfaction when you are, like me, approaching the end of your appointed course. May it be as long, as peaceful & as happy as mine has been.

I remain Sir

yours with sincere respect

Robert Southey.

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