

# POETICAL.



## Carrier's Address TO THE PATRONS OF THE VINCENNES GAZETTE.

January 1, 1845.

FATHER TIME's ever rolling stream,  
(On which our fragile bark is cast,  
Has borne another year away,  
To swell the number of the past.  
The moon that sits serene on high,  
The stars that deck night's diadem,  
And all the planets of the sky,  
Unite to sing her requiem.

Another twelve-months now is gone!  
A solemn thought, my patrons dear,  
That, of our short lives, since its dawn,  
We've seen the end of one more year!  
How many lives, amidst our  
Been torn from peaceful solitude,  
Consign'd to the cold gloom of death,  
Since sunrise dawned on us again!

The blushing flowers that bloom'd in spring,  
Barely unfold, like to decay;  
And the green leaves that flourish'd long,  
Now on the ground are cast.  
The woodland warblers—birds of cheer—  
Which nest in trees from the grove,  
To moult a death-like hue,  
Lie dead on the forest floor.

How many a life, and how many a soul,  
Has perished amidst pain and sorrow!  
Her golden years of youth and grace,  
Interpreted in a single day,  
Her life's career, her hopes and fears,  
All in a moment's time away!

And yet, my patrons, let us not despair,  
When nature's course is run,  
The husbandman's plow and sowing,  
Dispensing seed to the soil,  
Have passed on, and the harvest time,  
Who sows the seed of life and joy.

Though many a life has passed away,  
And many a soul has been laid low,  
Yet new life is born,  
And new souls are given,  
The earth and air are full of life,  
That breathe and move beneath the sun.

At midnight, when the moon is full,  
And stars are shining in the sky,  
We hear the voice of the angels,  
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beauty—graceful of attitude and feature,  
made lovely by a pervading spirit of sweet-  
ness and sympathy—produced in her a  
union that charmed you ere you could ad-  
mire. I dare say it will seem an odd thing  
to say, but there is nothing that has since  
reminded me so much of the impression  
she then produced upon the eye as the  
bright fountain in Park; there was in her  
the same easy, I may say reluctant, mag-  
nificence; the splendid purity and soft spar-  
kle, combined with an entire unrestraint  
& abandonment of effort, that you feel as if  
in that form and motion the very essence  
of grace were made palpable before your  
eyes; and as if that variety of movement  
was the wontedness of nature that strive  
to, but could not escape from its perpetual  
down of elegance. Startled back in spite  
of myself, into the age of poetry and god-  
des, I thought straightway of the appar-  
ition of Venus to the Trojan by the wood-  
ed margins of the Tyrian city, and was  
beginning to fall into my old tunes and  
my Latin; but I felt soon that in truth I  
was below the mark, and that there stood  
before something of a truer dignity and  
impression than all their goddesses togeth-  
er. I mean a delicate, pure, high-souled  
woman. I confess, while she was at a dis-  
tance from me, and I had but a glimpse of  
her, I felt a certain flutter about my heart,  
but as she came near me, that faded away,  
and yielded to a profound and distant rever-  
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He answered, not knowing what she  
could be meaning:  
"There are persons, I think, who, if  
they ever had souls, have succeeded in  
wearing all trace of them out of them-  
selves."  
"Ah! think you so?" said she, with pierc-  
ing scorn. "You shall feel that this can-  
not be!"

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things upon your mind, and which are above  
all. This day we part forever. On this morn-  
ing I leave you, and you shall feel the  
weight of my departure."

ling on your name with admiration and  
gratitude. Your example will illuminate  
the path of future statesmen, when those  
who hate and revile you are forgotten, or  
are only remembered, like the incendiary  
who burn the temple for the evil they have  
done.

To you the election has terminated with-  
out personal loss; but to the nation, in our  
judgment, the injury is incalculable. God  
grant that the confederacy may not mount  
over the result in-dimembered fragments.

Whilst your enemies have not attempt-  
ed to detract from your intellectual char-  
acter, they have with untiring malice at-  
tacked your moral character and end-avor  
to destroy it. The verbal slanders and  
printed libels employed as means to ac-  
complish political objects, have stained  
the character of our country and its in-  
stitutions more than they have injured  
yours.

In your high personal character, in your  
political principles, and unrivalled zeal and  
ability to carry them out, may be found  
the strong motives for our anxious efforts  
to secure your election. The protection  
of American labor, a National currency  
connected with a fiscal agent for the Gov-  
ernment, the distribution among the States  
of the proceeds of the public lands, fur-  
ther constitutional restrictions upon Ex-  
ecutive power and patronage, and a limita-  
tion upon the eligibility of the President  
for a second term, were measures which,  
under your Administration, we hoped to  
secure and bring into practical operation.

By your defeat they have been endan-  
gered, and I am deeply grieved.  
But we will not speculate on coming  
events. If things were what we shall  
and confidence in the general prosperity,  
if surrounded by the same, we are not re-  
sponsible, and retaining our principles,  
we shall carry the reformation of having  
done our duty.

In the shades of a land may you long  
continue in happy peace, quiet, and the  
possession of those great faculties, and  
have rendered you the education of our  
friends and the benefactor of every coun-  
try. And when, at last, death shall re-  
mand in your ashes, rest assured that the  
noblest friends—those who know you  
unaged loved you best—will cherish your  
memory and defend your reputation.

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our liberties and promote the common  
welfare. It has made, in their support,  
constant and urgent appeals to the reason  
and judgment of the people. For myself,  
I have the high satisfaction to know that  
I have escaped a great and fearful responsi-  
bility; and that, during the whole canvass,  
I have done nothing inconsistent with  
the dictates of the purest honor. No mor-  
tal man is authorized to say that I held  
out to him the promise of any office or ap-  
pointment whatever.

What now is the duty of the Whig par-  
ty? I venture to express an opinion with  
the greatest diffidence. The future is en-  
veloped in a veil impenetrable by human  
eyes. I cannot contemplate it without  
feelings of great discouragement. But I  
know of only one safe rule, in all the vic-  
issitudes of human life, public and pri-  
vate, and that is conscientiously to sat-  
isfy ourselves of what is right, and firmly  
and undeviatingly to pursue it under all  
trials and circumstances, confiding in the  
great Ruler of the Universe for ultimate  
success. The Whigs are deliberately con-  
vinced of the truth and wisdom of the  
principles and measures which they have  
espoused. It seems, therefore, to me that  
they should persevere in contending for  
them; and that, adhering to their separate  
and distinct organization, they should treat  
all who have the good of their country in  
view with respect and sympathy, and in-  
vite their co-operation in securing the pa-  
triotic objects which they have in view, and  
earnestly to accomplish.

The Whig party, I think, should firmly  
wishes that my business, in relation to  
which henceforward lies before me.  
Here I have enjoyed peace and tranquility,  
sucking faithfully to perform in the  
walks of private life, whose duties may  
not appear to me. And I shall well  
rejoice, whilst life remains to me, to be  
lively interest and deep sympathy, as in  
the movement and operations of our Gov-  
ernment, and to hope that the  
people of the United States, who have  
been so long in the hands of a few  
men, may be ever just, honorable,  
prosperous, and great.

Selling plants was not a fair trial  
My friend, I have returned from Boston full  
of life. I was in his garden a few days  
and he had said the ground all the  
vegetation under the trees was killed, and  
a single fruit had miraculously been  
preserved. For the first time in thirty  
years, my plant trees in the garden have  
not