156. “The grave of the dead Tis the voice of our glory,” December 1831 to January 1832, MS VIII. Previously unpublished.

See no. 148 for dating. This and no. 158 immediately below it on the same page are written in a more controlled hand, and, although no. 156 does show some corrections, this page may show semifinal copy taken from elsewhere.

1

The grave of the dead Tis the voice of our glory

Ye sons of Britannia awake to the sound

Remember the time when the foe was before ye

And nought but the deep bosomed ocean around

2

Awake the conquest awake to the war

And think ye of him who to battle hath led

Remember the hero of dread Trafalgar1

Remember revenge and the grave of the dead

3

Shall England forget all her brave who are lying

And yet unrevenged on their billowy bed

<And> When even the ocean is mournfully sighing

In murmuring soft by the grave of the dead

4

Raise high the warshout Tis revenge on the Gaul

Revenge tis for those who in battle have bled

Though the finger of fame may be weaving their fall

Forget not the place of the grave of the dead

5

Then hie to the field of the fight tis before ye

That ocean yet sighs for the souls that are fled

And the pinion of fame and the banner of glory

Once more they shall wave by the grave of the dead

1Sir Horatio Nelson. See no. 102.