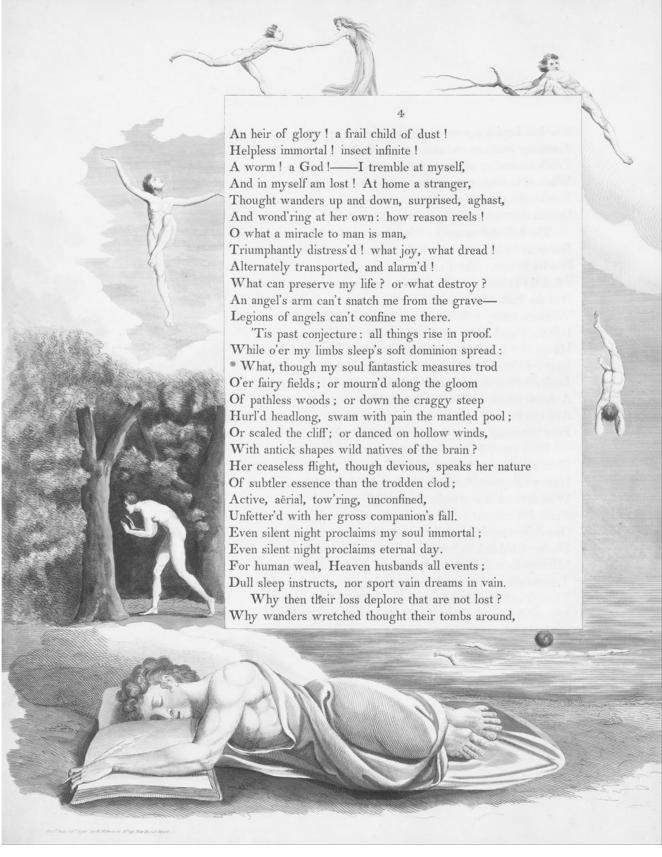


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Live thou with life; live dearer of the two. Wear I the blessed cross, by fortune stamp'd On passive nature before thought was born? My birth's blind bigot! fired with local zeal! No; reason rebaptized me when adult; Weigh'd true and false in her impartial scale; My heart became the convert of my head; And made that choice, which once was but my fate. On argument alone my faith is built: Reason pursued is faith; and, unpursued Where proof invites, 'tis reason then no more: And such our proof, that, or our faith is right, Or reason lies, and heaven design'd it wrong: Absolve we this? what then is blasphemy?

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Fond as we are, and justly fond of faith, Reason, we grant, demands our first regard; The mother honour'd, as the daughter dear. Reason the root; fair faith is but the flower: The fading flower shall die; but reason lives Immortal as her father in the skies.

* When faith is virtue, reason makes it so. Wrong not the christian; think not reason your's; Tis reason our great master holds so dear; 'Tis reason's injured rights his wrath resents; 'Tis reason's voice obey'd, his glories crown; To give lost reason life, HE pour'd his own: Believe, and shew the reason of a man; Believe, and taste the pleasure of a God; Believe, and look with triumph on the tomb: Through reason's wounds alone thy faith can die,

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