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and voluptuous princes*

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The Lord Byron I find there is our Lord Byron — the fascinating — faulty — childish — philosophical being — daring the world — docile to a private circle — impetuous and indolent — gloomy and yet more gay than any other — I live with him again in these pages.

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