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His first best country ever is at home.—
And yet, perhaps, if countries we compare,
And estimate the blessings which they share,
Though patriots flatter, still shall wisdom find
An equal portion dealt to all mankind;
As different good by art or nature given
To different nations makes their blessings even.”

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