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PREFACE

This account of Hopkins's poetry does not pretend to be complete; in particular, it contains no analysis of his prosody, a subject with which I am not competent to deal and which, in any case, seems likely to be amply dealt with elsewhere.

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