TO THE RIVER -

FAIR river! in thy bright clear flow
Of labyrinth-like water,
Thou art an emblem of the glow
Of beauty—the unhidden heart—
The playful maziness of art
In old Alberto's daughter.
But when within thy wave she looks,
(Which glistens then and trembles,)

Why then the prettiest of brooks
Her worshipper resembles.
For in my heart—as in thy stream—
Her image deeply lies—
The heart which trembles at the beam,
The scrutiny of her eyes.