

The
Meeting of the Waters

OF
HUDSON & ERIE,

Written by S. Woodworth.

Sung by *M^r Keene*, at the

GRAND CANAL CELEBRATION.

Respectfully Dedicated to His Excellency

Dewitt Clinton.

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There is not in the wide world a Val-ley so sweet, As that vale in whose bosom the

Let the day be for e-ver remember'd with pride That beheld the proud Hudson to

bright waters meet; O the last rays of feel-ing and life must depart Ere the

E-rie allied; O the last sand of Time from his glass shall descend Ere a

bloom of that valley shall fade from my heart, Ere the bloom of that Valley shall

u-nion, so fruitful of glo-ry, shall end, Ere a u-nion, so fruitful of

fade from my heart.

glo-ry shall end.



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Yet, it is not that Wealth now enriches the scene,
 Where the treasures of Art, and of Nature, convene;
 'Tis not that this union our coffers may fill —
 O! no,—it is something more exquisite still.

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'Tis, that Genius has triumph'd—and Science prevail'd,
 Tho' Prejudice flouted, and Envy assail'd,
 It is, that the vassals of Europe* may see
 The progress of mind, in a land that is free.

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All hail! to a project so vast and sublime!
 A bond, that can never be sever'd by time,
 Now unites us still closer—all jealousies cease,
 And our hearts, like our waters, are mingled in peace.

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Yet it was not that nature had shed o'er the scene
 Her purest of crystal, and brightest of green,
 'Twas not the soft magic of streamlet or hill,
 O! no—it was something more exquisite still.

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'Twas that friends, the belov'd of my bosom were near,
 Who made ev'ry dear scene of enchantment more dear
 And who felt how the blest charms of nature improve,
 When we see them reflected from looks that we love.

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Sweet vale of Avoca. how calm could I rest
 In thy bosom of shade, with the friends I love best,
 Where the storms which we feel in this cold world should cease,
 And our hearts like thy waters, be mingled in peace.

*Those who are now groaning under the chains of the Unholy Alliance.