SHELLEY’S CENCI

And we are left,—as scorpions ringed with fire,
What should we do but strike ourselves to death?
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with Fire

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To Margaret Dalton Curran

A Lady, the wonder of her kind,
Whose form was upborne by a lovely mind.
Tended the garden from morn to even.