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Sonnet

I delight  
To stray  
In woodlands wild

I wove your bluebells into  
Garlands wild

And woke your echoes

I turn  
My swimming eyes

Trembling light with pleasure  
Nursed in dew  
Dressed with humid hands

I think  
That I soon may reach  
Thy world

## ABOUT THE POEM & AUTHOR

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Colleen E. Kennedy created “Sonnet” from the *Elegiac Sonnets* of Charlotte Smith (1784). About the poem and the process of composing it, Colleen writes:

Turning to several of the sonnets of the 18th century Charlotte Smith, a major influence on the Romantic poets, who composed her *Elegiac Sonnets* while in debtors’ prison with her husband and child, I was moved by her sensuous landscapes. I intertwined lines from her Sonnets II, III, IV, V, and XXIII to create the 14 lines of a sonnet—not attending to meter and rhyme—a love poem to nature.

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