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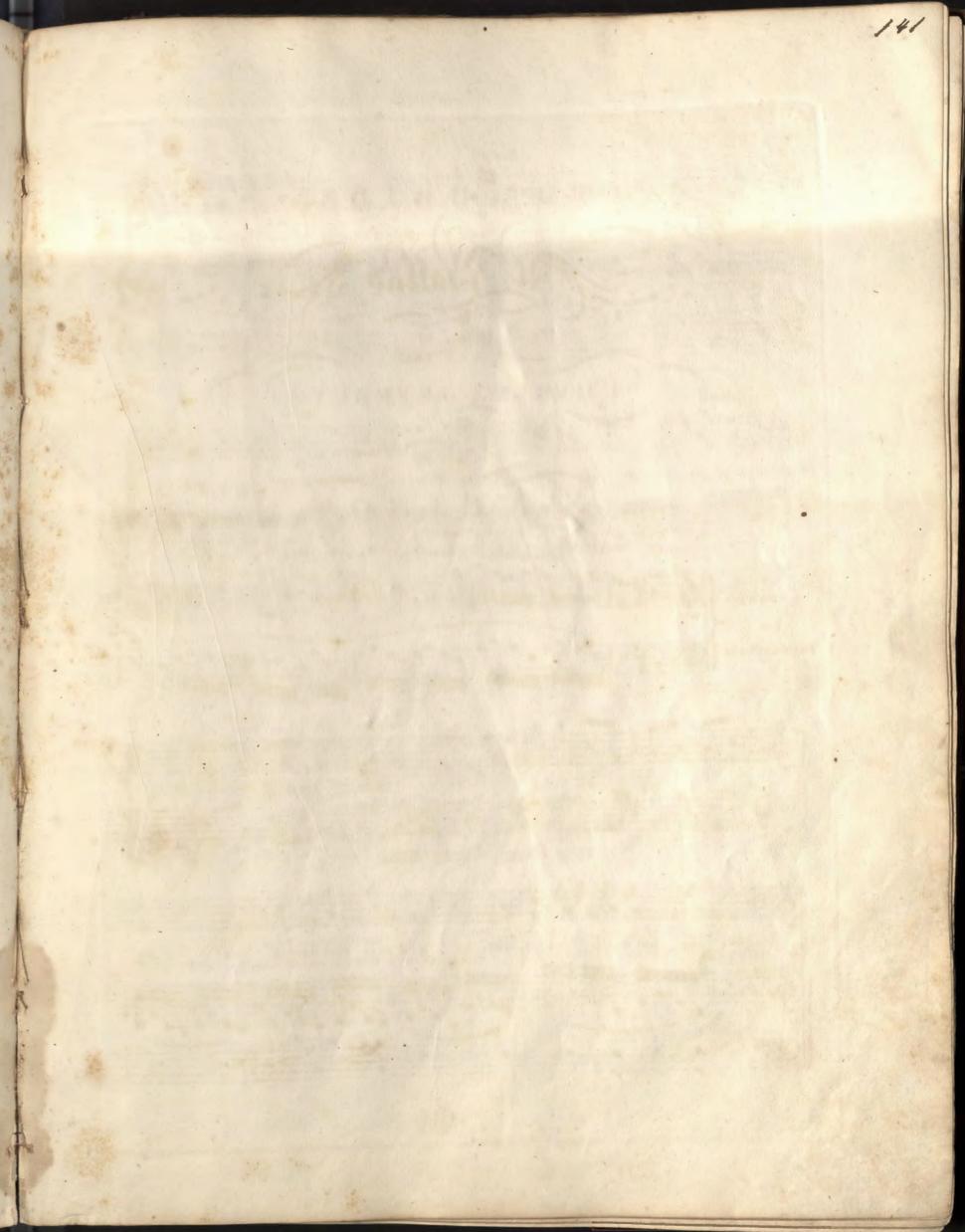
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The joys of childhood's happy hour,
The home of riper years;
The treasur'd scenes of early youth,
In sunshine and in tears:
The purest hopes her bosom knew,
When her young heart was free,
All theseand more she now resigns,
To brave the world with thee.

Her lot in life is fix'd with thine,

Its good and ill to share;

And well I know twill be her pride,

To soothe each sorrow there:

Then take her and may fleeting time

Mark only joy's increase,

And may your days glide sweetly on,

In happiness and peace.