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THE
NEGRO-BOY

SOLD FOR A

WATCH.

Printed and sold by J. Jennings, No. 15,
Water-lane, Fleet-street.

WHEN thirst of gold enslaves the
mind,
And selfish views alone bear sway,
Man turns a savage to his kind,
And blood and rapine mark his way,
Alas! for this poor simple toy,
I sold the weeping Negro Boy.

His father's hope, his mother's pride,
Though black yet comely to their
view,
I tore him helpless from their side,
And gave him to a ruffian crew,
To fiends that Afric's coast annoy,
I sold the weeping Negro Boy.

In isles that deck the western wave,
Tho' unhappy youth was doom'd to
dwell,
A poor, forlorn, insulted slave,
A beast that Christians buy and sell;
And yet for this same simple toy,
I sold the weeping Negro Boy.

May he who walks upon the wind,
Whose voice in thunders heard on high,
Who doth the raging tempest bind,
And wings the light'ning through the
sky,
Forgive the wretch who for a toy,
Could sell the guiltless Negro Boy,