

### A Thunder Storm

It was a pleasant summer's day while I was rambling through a large woods in a pleasant country not far distant from a small country village. The sun was shining brightly; the birds were singing sweetly and all things seemed to be happy. It was not long before I came to a large open field; it was here that I happened to look towards the west and I saw a small black cloud. I looked all around and as I saw no other ~~and~~ I felt <sup>desirous</sup> ~~base~~ watching it. In a short time after this the sun ceased to shine, and in looking up I saw that the whole western side of the sky was covered with a large black cloud; the wind now began to blow and before I <sup>had</sup> gone far the rain <sup>was</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>in torrents</sup> pouring. I now thought it profitable for me to hurry my steps homeward. As there was an old barn not far distant from where I was I thought something of taking refuge in that. The thunder began to roll, the lightning to dart its sharp light around all things. Before I reached the old barn, in which I had desired to take refuge, it was struck by lightning, and all wrapped in one large <sup>cloud</sup> ~~mass~~ of flames, thus my retreat was cut off in short of home. I reached home before long but <sup>not before I</sup> was completely drenched. It cleared up before long and all things look refreshed.

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