

## *Idle Thoughts*

### *Chidiock Tichborne*

Chidiock Tichborne! Chidiock Tichborne!  
There's a name to shout out loud!  
Chidiock Tichborne! Chidiock Tichborne!  
Brought no fame, but did him proud.

Chidiock Tichborne! Chidiock, which morn  
Saw you carted to the font,  
Chidiock Tichborne! Chidiock Tichborne!  
For a name you could not want?

I wonder, did they first rehearse  
To find a name that would be worse?  
For this one clearly was no benison:  
Found him when I searched for Tennyson.

Until that day, I did not know him –  
Still less, that he had penned a poem:  
*Elegy* – the title's terse  
In a book of English verse,  
Unlike the noble nomenclature  
That gave his name such striking stature.

But what a moniker, poor kid!  
Did his school friends call him Chid?

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