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from the grief caused
by the death of the
friend but it is also
inspired by the selfish
move that his own
death should be mourned
by some other poet as he
mourned King!

\ So may some gentle Muse
With lucky words favour'd
my destined urn,
And as he passes turn,
And bid farewell fair
pace to my able shroud
Marechal in long
digressions, Milton expresses
views on two subjects
which may be termed
personal. In the first
digression he discourses
the tragic and unhappy
fate of poet in general.
Perhaps he expresses his
own desires to win all
round fame and popularity.

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popularity - that is why
we call it fame, the "that
last infirmity of common
mind". He forgets the
fact that cavalier
poets writing light
verse are winning
popularity while poet
like him writing
serious stuff get no
sufficient recompense
from the people. Perhaps
he himself has the fear
that if he meets the fate
of his friend, his
dreams of becoming the
immortal poet may
not be realised.

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