

## Appendix IV: Poems Published Posthumously

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Hegel and Schleiermacher

1.Hegel.

His system was cleverer than he was; that's why the students  
Explained the master better than he understood himself.

2.Schleiermacher.

He was cleverer than his system; that's why the students  
Who lack his Spirit cut such a poor figure.

circa 1844 (25)

Schleiermacher again.

The stone on which all stumbled  
Yesterday as the pious –  
How the times change! –  
Is praised today as the cornerstone.  
We are permitted  
Confidently to share with heretics:  
Before twenty years pass,  
Even we will be among the saints.

A third time.

In his last moment  
The disciples were seen coming to him:  
Leave us your cloak  
And your Spirit, like the prophets! –  
He, as he saw their faith,  
Granted only half:  
The cloak of the church he left,  
The Spirit he retained for himself.

circa 1844 (26)

Negative and Positive Criticism.

(Dr. [F.C.] Baur speaks:)

We are like no and yes, like storm and rainbow;  
He says: it is not true; I say: it is a lie.

*circa 1844 (27)*

Old and New Faith  
On the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition.

Apparently spoken fleetingly;  
Fleetingly it wasn't:  
Executed in so many weeks,  
As it was thought through in years.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.

Up, old warrior, leave off your fears,  
And gird up your loins:  
In the storm you began,  
In the storm you shall end.

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