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**Steventon
Rectory, Jane's
first home**

*"In her, rare union, were
 combined a fair form, and a
 fairer mind;
 Hers fancy quick, and clear good
 sense,
 And wit which never gave
 offence;
 A heart as warm as ever beat, A
 temper even; calm & sweet.
 Though quick & keen her mental
 eye Poor nature's foibles to
 espy,*



*And seemed for lover's love on the
 watch,
 Some trails of ridicule to catch
 Yet not a word she ever penned
 Which hurt the feelings of a
 friend."*

this extract is from an
 original poem by Jane's
 brother, James Austen, :
 "Lines to the memory of ...
 Jane Austen, who died at
 Winchester July 18th 1817, &
 was buried in that Cathedral."



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