

The Course of Life, Of the Great Girl, Anna Caritas Rice

Anna Caritas Rice, was born at Loominster Augth 7 1758
in 1760 her Parents brought her to the Children's Academy
here in Falmouth, where she was soon at home, and beloved
by both S^{rs} & Children, being of a simple and Loving
Disposition, She took great delight in going to the Child^{ren}
Meetings, and Singing Verses about Our Saviour's Death and
Sufferings, and it was perceptible in her, that her heart
thereby grew soft and tender towards Him, as she grew up
her natural Docility began to show it self, and upon being
reproved on any Occasion, she grew very close and thoughtful,
which brought her into an unsensarlike Disposition, but being
spoke too on that account she was soon sensible of it,
and became a Sinner about it

in 1768 She got a Swelling in One Arm & Knee, all possible
Means were usd. to help her, but to no Purpose, Her
Parents being acquainted, thought proper, to take her to
Wiltshire, where they resided, in Order to try some farther means
as well as Change of Air, She accordingly went with her
Father, Out of Providence, tho' with great reluctance to part
from the Children, in 1775, - She staid with her Dear Parents
about 4 Months, and then upon her return came Directly into
the S^{rs} House, seemingly in a better State of health, She
was very soon Quite at home amongst the Girls here to whom
She was a very agreeable Companion: as also much beloved by
The S^{rs} Who could often perceive in her a real Sensibility
of her heart, notwithstanding her still turn of Mind,

Her Last Band before she took to the Sickroom she expressed
with a very tender feeling and many tears, her shortness in the
knowledge of our Sav^r, & that she had not made better use of
her time in that respect, which caused a tender Emotion in
all Present, her Illness was of a very Painfull Nature
Having a very troublesome Cough, & Extreme Shortness of Breath
Under which she was exceedingly Patient, & Seldom ever heard
to complain, She began her Illness in Jan 1772, but as it was
a sickly time with many, it was thought she wou'd get over it,
but in April following, she had a kind of Convulsion Fit
Since which time she declin'd very perceptibly, but did not
take to the sickroom till a fortnight before her Departure,
She kept her Last Birthday with her room Companions Aug¹⁵
when she was very Childlike and pretty amongst them, but
did not seem to think she shou'd so soon go to our Sav^r
tho she was very weak then, a Day or 2 after she took
Quite to the sickroom, She spent her time in her usual
Still way, as patient as could scarcely be expected under
Such a Troublesome Disorder, till August the 25th
When she fell softly and happily asleep, During the
Singing the Verse - Pale Lips, Kiss her upon the Heart
with the Blessing of her Choir,

in the 15th year of age