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Guide to the

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ca. 1814?

Pforz MS

Summary

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Poems

Names

Byron, George Gordon Byron, Baron, 1788-1824

Hardy, Thomas, 1752-1832

Hazlitt, Margaret, 1770-1841

Napoleon I, Emperor of the French, 1769-1821