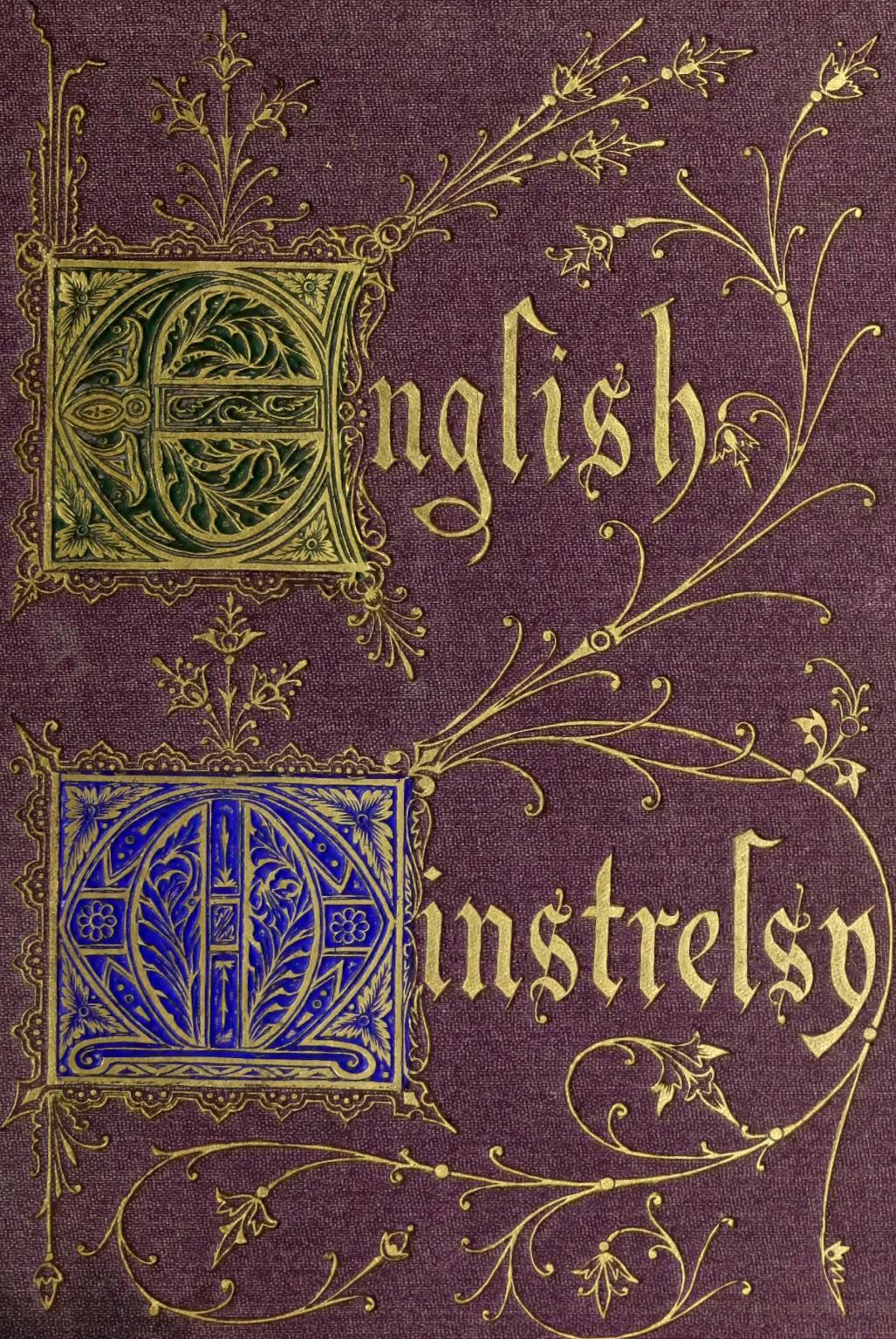


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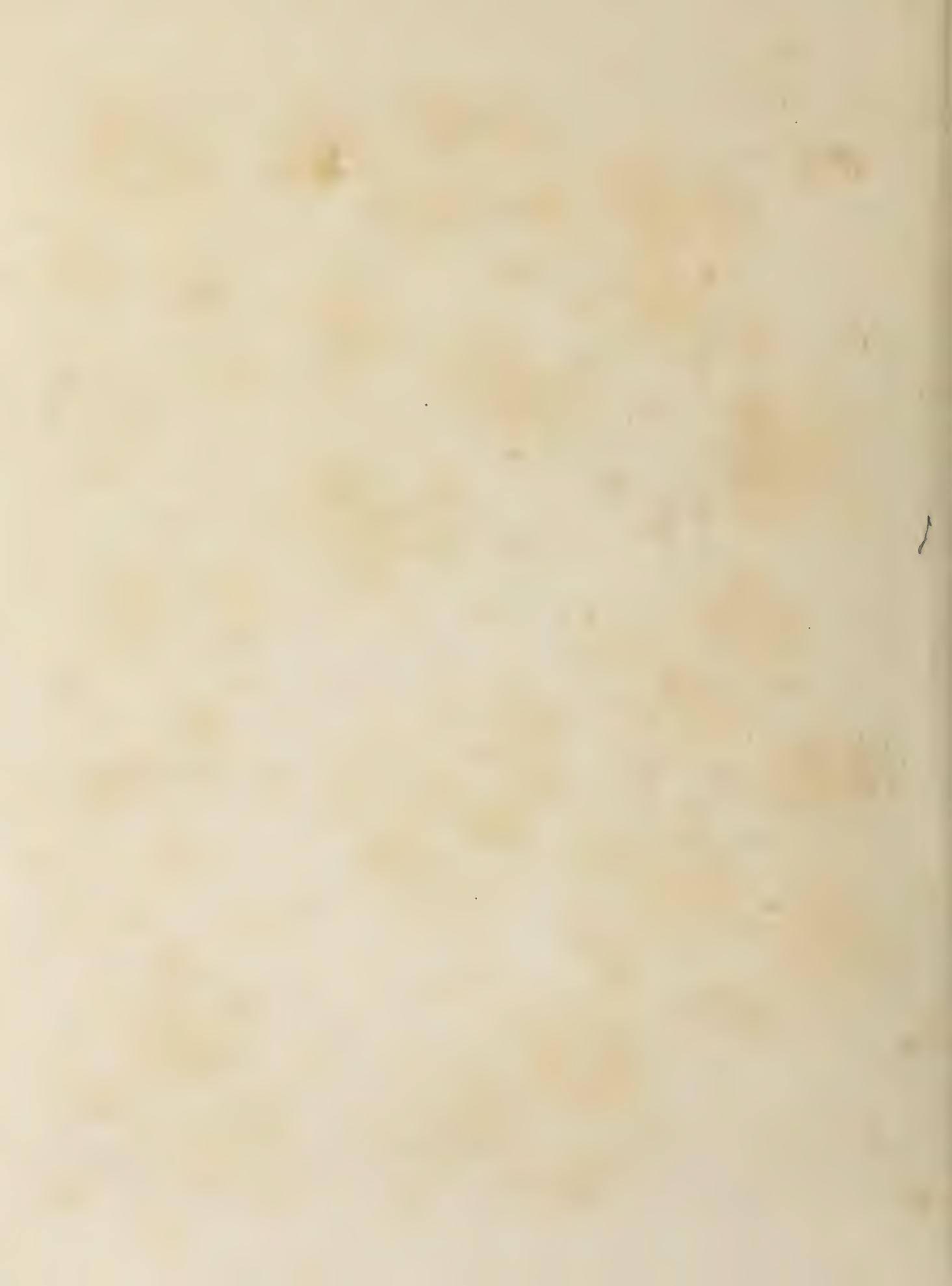


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**C**

ome live with me and be my **L**ove,  
And we will all the pleasures probe  
That hills and valleys, dale and field,  
And all the craggy mountaints yield.

**O**

here will we sit upon the rocks  
And see the shepherds feed their flocks,  
By shallow rivers, to whose falls  
Delicious birds sing madrigals.

**A**

here will I make thee beds of roses  
And a thousand fragrant posies,  
A cap of flowers, and a kirtle  
Embroider'd all with leaves of myrtle.

**S**

utton made of the finest wool,  
Which from our pretty lambs we pull,  
Fair lined slippers for the cold,  
With buckles of the purest gold.

**M**

Bell of straw and ivy buds  
With coral clasps and amber studs:  
And if these pleasures may thee move,  
Come live with me and be my **L**ove.

**T**

by silver dishes for thy meat  
As precious as the gods do eat  
Shall on an ivory table be  
Prepared each day for thee and me.

**O**

he shepherd swains shall dance and sing  
For thy delight each **M**ay-morning:  
If these delights thy mind may move,  
Then live with me and be my **L**ove.



**G**o, lovely **R**ose!  
Tell her, that wastes her time and me,  
**T**hat now she knows,  
**W**hen **I** resemble her to thee,  
**H**ow sweet and fair she seems to be.

**G**ell her that's young.  
**I**nd shuns to have her graces spied.  
**T**hat hadst thou sprung  
In deserts, where no men abide  
Thou must have uncommended died.

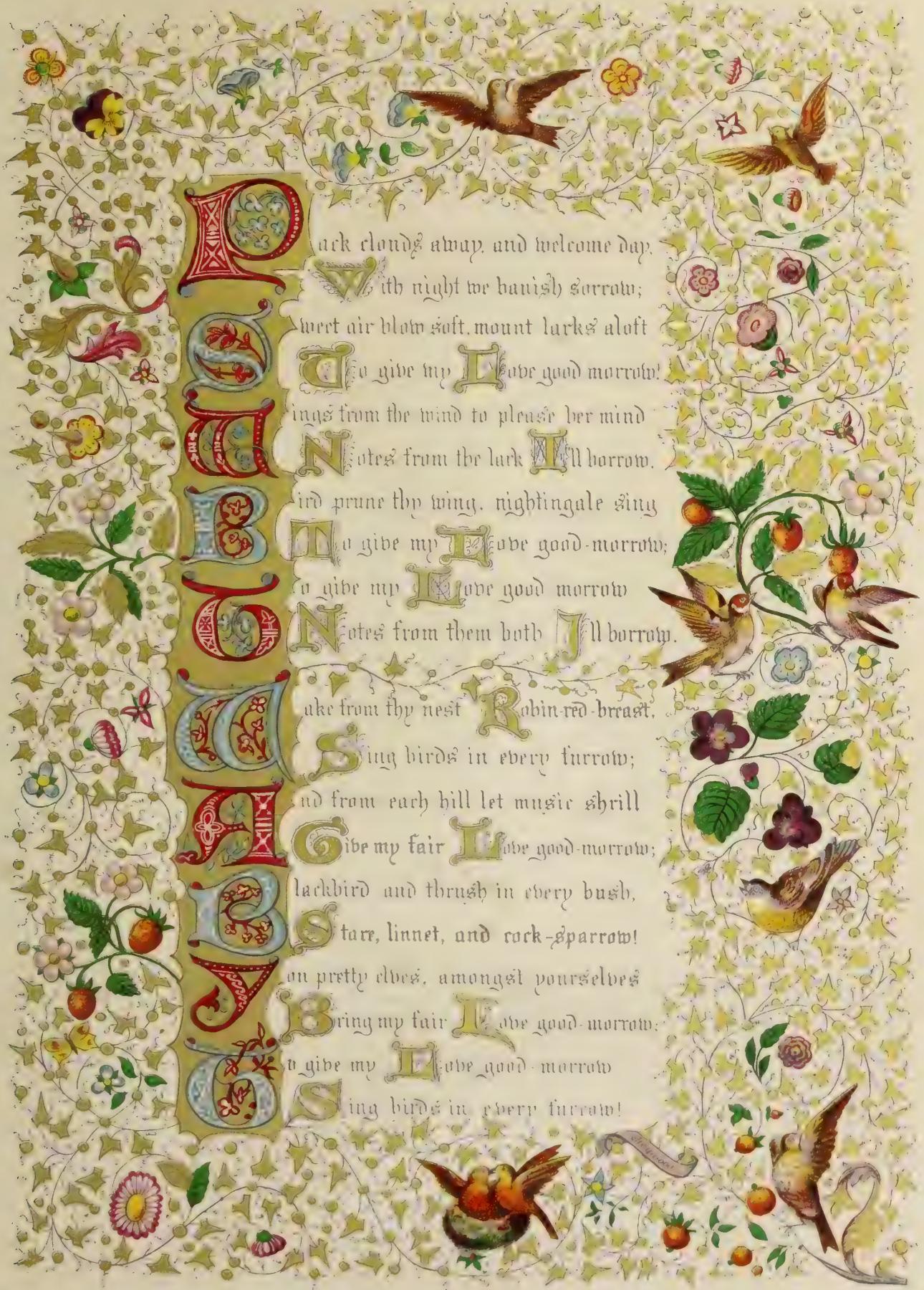
**S**mall is the worth  
Of beauty from the light retired:  
**B**id her come forth,  
Offer herself to be desired,  
And not blush so to be admired.

**C**hen die! that she  
The common fate of all things rare  
**M**ay read in the  
How small a part of time they share  
That are so wondrous sweet and fair.

*Edmund Waller.*







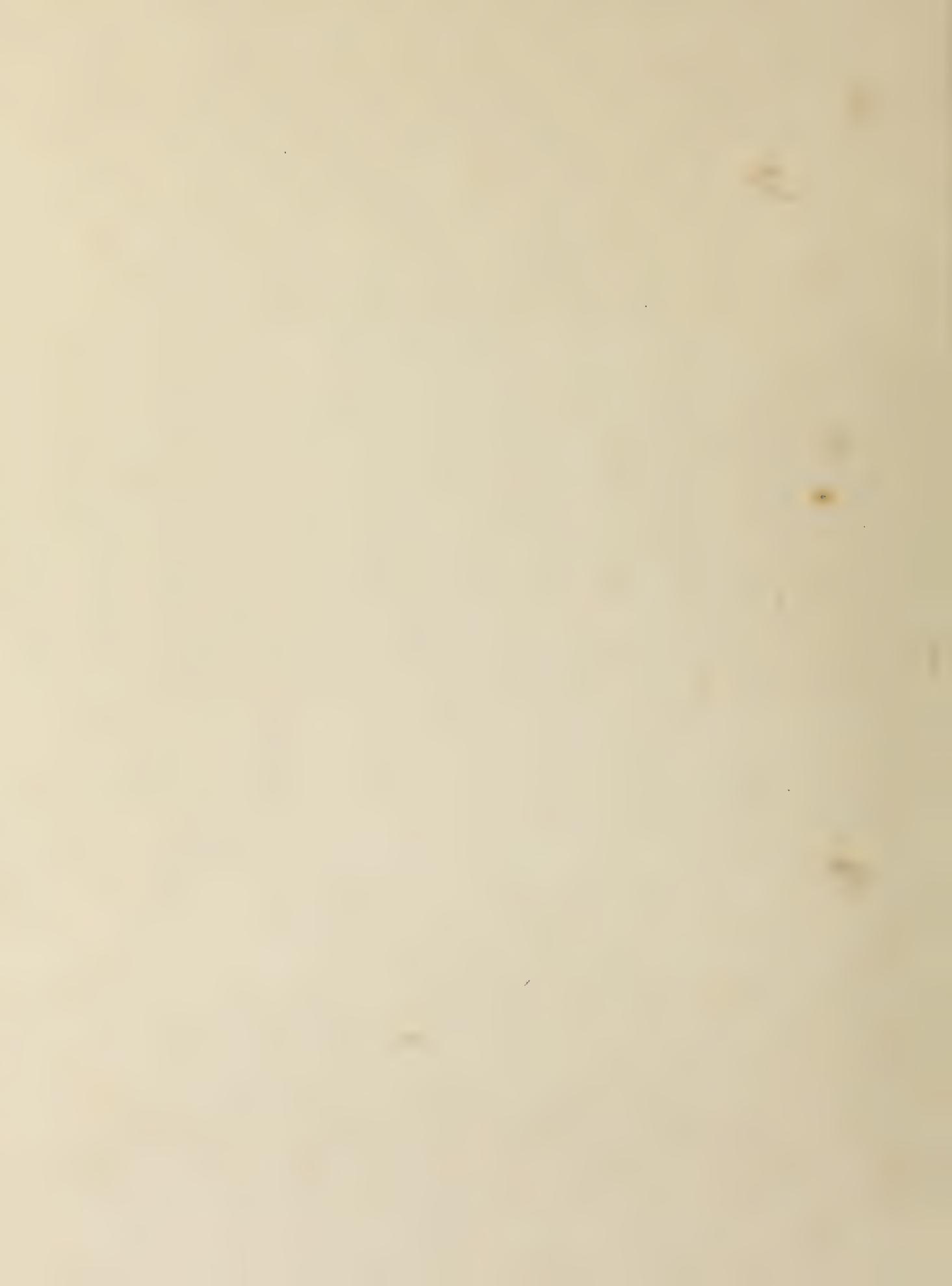


**M**hen in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes,  
All alone beweep my outcast state,  
**A**nd trouble deaf heaven with my bootless cries,  
And look upon myself, and curse my fate.  
**C**hishing me like to one more rich in hope,  
Neatured like him, like him with friends possess'd,  
Desiring this man's art, and that man's scope.  
**G**With what **I** most enjoy contented least;  
**Y**et in these thoughts myself almost despising,  
Nighly **I** think on **Thee** - and then my state,  
Like to the lark at break of day arising  
**E**From sullen earth, sings hymns at heaven's gate;  
**F**or thy sweet love remember'd, such wealth brings  
That then **I** scorn to change my state with kings.



Let me not to the marriage of true minds  
Admit impediments. Love is not love  
Which alters when it alteration finds,  
Or bends with the remover to remove:  
No! it is an ever-fixed mark  
That looks on tempests, and is never shaken;  
It is the Star to every wandering bark  
Whose worth's unknown, altho' his height be taken.  
Love's not Time's fool, tho' rosy lips & cheeks  
Within his bending sickle's compass come;  
Love alters not with his brief hours & weeks,  
But bears it out ev'n to the edge of doom;  
If this be error, and upon me proved,  
A never writ, nor no man ever loved.

*William Shakespeare*





Tell me not Sweet I am unkind  
That from the nunnery  
Of thy chaste breast and quiet mind.  
To war and arms I fly.  
Erne, a new mistress now I chase,  
The first foe in the field;  
And with a stronger faith embrace;  
Sword, a horse, a shield.  
Let this inconstancy be such  
As you too shall adore;  
I could not love thee, dear, so much,  
I loved but Honour more.

Lovelace



**G**oo late I stay'd, forgive the crime;  
Unheeded flew the hours,  
How noiseless falls the foot of Time,  
**H**at only treads on flowers  
**F**ad who with clear account remarks  
The ebbings' of his glass,  
**W**hen all its sands are diamond sparks  
That dazzle as they pass.  
**A**b! who to sober measurement  
Time's happy swiftness brings,  
**W**hen birds of paradise have lent  
Their plumage to his wings.

*The Honble Wm Robt Spencer*



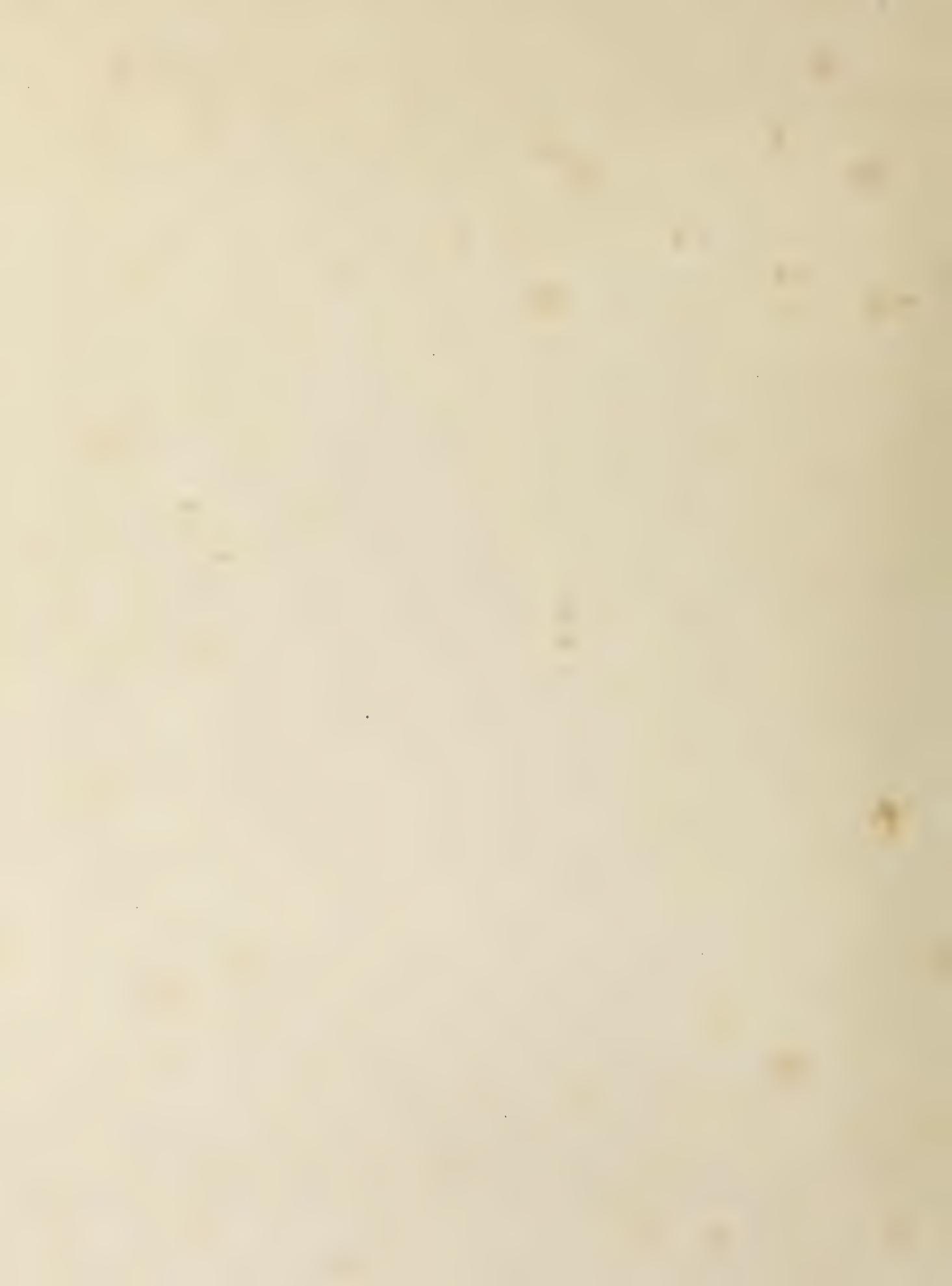
**M**on meaner beauties of the night,  
**W**hich poorly satisfy our eyes  
More by your number than your light!  
**Y**ou common people of the skies!  
**W**hat are you, when the **M**oon shall rise!

**R**e violets that first appear,  
**B**Y your pure purple mantles known,  
Like the proud virgins of the year  
**A**s if the spring were all your own!  
**W**hat are you, when the **R**ose is blown!

**N**e curious chanters of the wood  
**T**hat warble forth dame **NThinking your passions understood  
**B**Y your weak accents what's your praise,  
**W**hen **P**hilomel her voice doth raze!**

**S**o, when my **M**istress shall be seen  
**I**n sweetnes of her looks and mind  
**B**y vertue first, then choice, a **Q**ueen,  
**G**ell me, if she were not design'd  
**E**h' eclipse and glory of her kind!

*Sir Henry Wotton.*



**R**e that loves a rosy cheek  
**O**r a coral lip admires,  
**C**or from star like eyes does seek  
**F**uel to maintain his fires;  
**A**s old Time makes these decay,  
**S**o his flames must waste away

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**B**ut a smooth and steadfast mind,  
**G**entle thoughts and calm desires.  
**H**earts with equal love combined,  
**K**indle never-dying fires:  
**T**here these are not, **I** despise  
**H**vely cheeks or lips or eyes

St. Edmund Carew



**B**id me to live, and I will live  
To protestant to be:  
Or bid me love, and I will give  
A loving heart to thee.  
**A** heart as soft, a heart as kind,  
A heart as sound and free  
**A**s in the whole world thou canst find,  
That heart will give to thee.  
**B**id that heart stay, and it will stay,  
So honour thy decree:  
Or bid it languish quite away,  
And it shall do so for thee.  
**B**id me to weep, and I will weep  
While I have eyes to see:  
And having none, yet I will keep  
A heart to weep for thee.  
**B**id me despair, and I'll despair.  
Under that cypress tree:  
Or bid me die, and I will dare  
Even death, to die for thee.  
**T**hou art my life, my love, my heart,  
The very eyes of me,  
And hast command of every part,  
To live and die for thee.

*Robert Herrick.*



*I*t is not beauty *S* I demand,  
*A* crystal brow, the moon's despair,  
*N*or the snow's daughter, a white hand,  
*N*or mermaid's yellow pride of hair:

*B*loomy pair of vermeil cheeks  
*L*ike Hebe's in her ruddiest hours,  
*A* breath that softer music speaks  
*T*han summer winds a-wooing flowers;

*G*ive me instead of beauty's bust,  
*A* tender heart, a loyal mind  
*W*hich with temptation *I*would trust,  
*Y*et never linked with error find, —

*O*nce in whose gentle bosom *I*  
*C*ould pour my secret heart of woes,  
*L*ike the care-burthen'd honey-fly  
*T*hat hides his murmurs in the rose,  
*E*ver earthly *C*omforter *I* whose love  
*S*o indefeasible might be  
*T*hat when my spirit wound above,  
*H*er's could not stay, for sympathy *S*



**W**hen Love with unconfined wings  
Do overs within my gates,  
And my divine Elthea brings  
To whisper at the grates;  
When I lie tangled in her hair  
And fetter'd to her eye.  
**T**he birds that wanton in the air  
Know no such liberty.  
**C**hen flowing cups run swiftly round  
With no allaying Thames,  
Our careless heads with roses crown'd,  
Our hearts with loyal flames;  
**T**hen thirsty grief in wine we steep,  
Then healths and draughts go free,  
Fishes that tipple in the deep  
Know no such liberty.  
**G**hen linnet-like confined,  
With shriller throat shall sing  
The sweetness, mercy, majesty,  
And glories of my King:  
**S**when I shall voice aloud how good  
He is, how great should be,  
Enlarged winds, that curl the flood  
Know no such liberty.  
**S**tone walls do not a prison make,  
Nor iron bars a cage;  
Winds innocent and quiet take  
That for a hermitage:  
**A**nd I have freedom in my love  
And in my soul am free,  
Angels alone, that soar above  
Enjoy such liberty.

*Exulta*





















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