



## A SONNET.

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By the Same.

**C**APRICIOUS W\* a sonnet needs must have  
 I ne'er was so put to't before : — a Sonnet !  
 Why, fourteen verses must be spent upon it ;  
 'Tis good howe'er t' have conquer'd the first stave.

Yet I shall ne'er find rhymes enough by half,  
 Said I, and found myself i'th' midst o'the second.  
 If twice four verses were but fairly reckon'd,  
 I should turn back on th' hardest part and laugh.

Thus far with good success I think I've scribbled,  
 And of the twice seven lines have clean got o'er ten.  
 Courage ! another 'll finish the first triplet.

Thanks to thee, Muse, my work begins to shorten.  
 There's thirteen lines got through driblet by driblet.  
 'Tis done ! count how you will, I warr'nt there's  
 fourteen.