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H Y M N to *V E N U S*,

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IMITATION of *S A P H O*.

**V** *E N U S*, Queen of tender Fires,

Pleasing Pains, and soft Desires ;

Sweet Enslaver of the Heart,

Here thy gentle Aid impart ;

To my mourning Soul give Ease,

And bid my soft Complaining cease.

## II.

Hither beauteous Goddess move,  
 Leave a while th' *Idalian* Grove ;  
 Once more to my transported Breast,  
 Come a mild, a grateful Guest ;  
 There confirm thy pleasing Reign,  
 Free from Cares, and free from Pain:

## III.

Oh ! if e'er my artless Strains,  
 By Thee inspired, breath'd thy Pains ;  
 Propitious now thy Suppliant hear,  
 And grant a Lover's ardent Pray'r ?  
 Ah ! let me not despairing mourn,  
 But meet a kind, a wish'd Return.

## IV.

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Make *Philander* feel my Pow'r,  
 Fear my Scorn, my Smiles adore,  
 Let the dear Deceiver know,  
 All the Pains he can bestow :  
 To me that valued Heart resign,  
 And fix the lovely Wand'rer mine.



A M I N T A and D E L I A.

A P A S T O R A L.

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**T**HEE, gentle Maid, may ev'ry Muse inspire,  
 And *Phæbus* blefs Thee with poetic Fire ;  
 May thy soft Numbers ev'ry Bosom warm,  
 Melt into Love, and into Softness charm,

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