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Her coming to the OXFORD ACT.

BEAUTY, the bounty of indulgent Heav'n,
To favour'd Maids of mortal race was giv'n;
Not to retire with to ſome lonely ſcene,
But to ſhine forth, and to be ſeen of Men.
The ſun thus radiant with diffuſive light,
In his own native day appears moſt bright,
And leaves the moon the empire of the night.

By his example, *Charlot*, ſhine away;
Be thou the goddeſs, as he's god of day:
So ſhall *Oxonians* own thy ſacred pow'r,
And worſhip Thee, as *Perſians* Him adore.

Whilſt *Danae* liv'd immur'd within her tow'r,
None but old *Jove* confeſs'd her gentle pow'r:
But had the hapleſs maid dwelt always there,
Who could have ſaid ſhe was, or was not fair?

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Her charms had been unheard of in the throng;
Nor *Horace* left us his immortal ſong.

The ſea-born goddeſs, riſing from the main,
Unheeded might have dabbled there again;
Had not *Apelles* ſnatch'd the faultleſs dame,
And made her charms immortal as his fame.
'Tis therefore common prudence to appear,
That ſome *Apelles* may record you fair;
Leſt future dawbers ſhould the taſk eſſay,
And, like dull *R*—— ſmear your charms away.

Come then, and leave thoſe unfrequented ſhades,
To dirty ſhepherds, and to homely maids:
To our *Athenian* Theatres repair,
And let the learn'd and gay admire thee there.
Inſpire, and then reward ſome gen'rous youth,
Nurs'd in the arms of ſcience, and of truth:
For truſt me, *Charlot*, who no flatt'ry mean—
To be admir'd, you only need be ſeen.