

"The Passionate Shepherd to his Love"

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Casta placent superis,
pura cum veste venite,
Et manibus puris
sumite fontis aquam.

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of the Beare. 1600.

The Passionate Shepherd to His Love.

1 Come live with me, and be my love;
2 And we will all the pleasures prove
3 That hills and valleys, dales and fields,
4 Woods, or steepy mountain yields.

5 And we will sit upon the rocks,
6 Seeing the shepherds feed their flocks
7 By shallow rivers to whose falls
8 Melodious birds sing madrigals.

9 And I will make thee beds of roses,
10 And a thousand fragrant posies;
11 A cap of flowers, and a kirtle
12 Embroidered all with leaves of myrtle;

13 A gown made of the finest wool
14 Which from our pretty lambs we pull;
15 Fair linèd slippers for the cold,
16 With buckles of the purest gold;

17 A belt of straw and ivy-buds,
18 With coral clasps and amber studs:
19 And, if these pleasures may thee move,
20 Come live with me, and be my love.

21 The shepherds' swains shall dance and sing
22 For thy delight each May-morning:
23 If these delights thy mind may move,
24 Then live with me, and be my love.