

# "The Passionate Shepherd to his Love"

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HELICON.

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

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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.