

THE SHEPHERD ADONIS.

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Being weary'd with sport,

He, for a retirement,

To the wood did resort;

He threw by his crook,

And he laid himself down,

He envy'd no monarch,

Nor wish'd for a crown.

He drank o' the burn,

And he ate frae the tree,

Himfelf he enjoy'd,

And frae trouble was free;

He wish'd for no nymph,

Tho' never sae fair,

Had nae love nor ambition,

And therefore nae care.

But as he lay thus,
In an evining fae clear,
A heavinly fweet voice
Sounded faft in his ear;
Which came frae a fhady
Green neighbouring grove,
Where bonny Amynta
Sat finging of love.

He wander'd that way,

And found who was there;

He was quite confounded

To fee her fae fair;

He stood like a statue,

Not a foot cou'd he move,

Nor knew he what griev'd him—

But he fear'd it was love.

The nymph she beheld him

With a kind modest grace,

Seeing something that pleas'd her

Beam forth in his face;

And, blushing a little,

She to him did say,

O! shepherd, what want ye,

How came ye this way?

His fpirits reviving,

The fwain to her faid,

I was ne'er fae furpris'd

At the fight of a maid;

Until I beheld thee,

From love I was free,

But now I'm ta'en captive,

My fairest, by thee.