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But who hath breathed the scent of violets,
And not that moment been a lover glad?

—ARLO BATES.



*Go, modest little violets, and lie upon her breast ;
Your eyes will tell her something—perhaps she'll guess the rest !*

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"Such a starved bank of moss,
Till, that May morn,
Blue ran the flash across:
Violets were born."

Browning



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**For whom this little company of her sisters
was first gathered**

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