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A GEORGIC

COME, tender Age, contain my blood,
And tame it to thy gentler moods,
From fields where once it ran in flood,
Down into woodland solitudes.

There, where the boughs
Soft music make,

I hear the wood-dove's voice awake:

“Take two cows, Taffy! Taffy, take
Two cows!”

I am not he who comes for cows;

I seek no herd or grazing-plot:

Here, under roof of rustling boughs,

O tempting voice, you tempt me not!

But oh, the meek,

The pleading tone,

With which she makes the theft her own!—

“Take two cows, Taffy! Taffy, take
Two cows!”