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### DEDICATORY SONNET.

 F sound or strain in any lay of mine  
Not all unwelcome or unworthy be—  
If any pleasant measure lead the line,  
And make faint echo of fair melody ;  
That sound and strain is dedicate to thee,  
And thine the measure ; for that thou of all  
Unto my first and faltering minstrelsy  
Didst lend most gracious ear ; if it befall,  
As well it may, that all too low and long  
The harp-string ringeth now, take thou no shame  
That so I link thy merit with my song,  
Thou courteous Lady ! for a noble name,  
Not the less sheweth beautiful and bright,  
Though pale the star that gives its letters light.





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