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NOTE.

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The volume of poems which I reprint from the only known copy now in my possession, is fully described in Mr. Collier's *Bibliographical Catalogue*, vol. i, pp. 73-82, and the grounds are there stated on which its authorship is attributed to Nicholas Breton.

The intrinsic merit of the work would justify its reproduction, even if it were less rare.

F. O.

QUEEN ANNE STREET,  
October, 1877.



THE  
PASSIONATE  
SHEPHEARD,

OR

*The Shepherdes Loue: set downe in*  
Pafsions to his Shepherdesse  
Aglaiia.

With many excellent conceited Poems and pleafant Sonnets, fit for young heads to paffe away  
*idle houres.*



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bee folde at his Shop, at the Tower-Hill  
neere the Bul-warke Gate.

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*Bonerto the faithfull Shepheard, to A-  
glaiia his faire Shepheardesse, wisheth more  
wealth then the Sheepes-wooll, and a  
better Garland then the  
Bay-leafe.*

**F**Aire Shepheardesse, pardon your  
poore Swaine, who seeing the  
faint feeding of his pyening flock  
and hopeles to recover the dro-  
ping Lambes of his best folde,  
knowing such to be the diuine Nature of your  
vertue, as wil suffer nothing to perish, that you  
are able to preferue: doth beseech you after  
letting of the bloud in the head vaine, to giue  
the for the heart sicknesse a little grazing in the  
groud of your least grace, in which prospering  
(by your fauour) they shal liue but to your ser-  
uic;e which being the best cause of their breed-  
ing, I leaue them to the sweet imployment of  
your pleasures, & so in the naked sence of a sin-  
cere truth, resting the comfort of your kinde  
vnderstanding I humbly take  
my leaue.

Your poore Shephard  
*Bonerto,*

