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GREEN SLEEVES.

YE watchful guardians of the fair, Who fkiff on wings of ambient air, Of my dear Delia take a care,

And reprefent her luver, With all the gaiety of youth, With honour, juffice, luve, and truth; Till I return her paffions footh,

For me in whifpers move her.

Be careful no bafe fordid knave, With foul funk in a golden grave, Who knows no virtue but to fave,

With glaring gold bewitch her: Tell her, for me fhe was defign'd, For me, who know how to be kind, And have mair plenty in my mind

Than ane who's ten times richer.

Let all the world turn upfide down, And fools run an eternal round, In queft of what can ne'er be found, To pleafe their vain ambition. Let little minds great charms efpy, In fhadows which at diftance lie, Whofe hop'd-for pleafure, when come nigh, Proves nothing in fruition.

But, caft into a mould divine,
Fair Delia does with luftre fhine;
Her virtuous foul's an ample mine,
Which yields a conftant treafure.
Let poets in fublimeft lays
Employ their fkill her fame to raife;
Let fons of mufic pafs whole days,
With well-tun'd reeds to pleafe her.

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