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Excerpt: .constant aim, This makes your happiness, and this your fame. Be never cool reserve with passion join d; With caution chuse! but then be fondly kind The selfish heart, that but by halves is given, Shall find no place in Love s delightful heaven; Here sweet extremes alone can truly bless: The virtue of a lover is excess. A maid unask d may own a well-plac d flame; Not loving First, but loving Wrong, is shame. Contemn the little pride of giving pain, Nor think that conquest justifies disdain. Short is the period of insulting power: Offended Cupid finds his vengeful hour; Soon will resume the empire which he gave, And soon the tyrant shall become the slave. Blest is the maid, and worthy to be blest, Whose soul, entire by him she loves possest, Feels every vanity in fondness lost, And asks no power,...



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