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**A Collection Of Poems In Six Volumes. By Several Hands**

**Dodsley, Robert**

**London, 1758**

In Answer to a Lady who advised Retirement.

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In Answer to a L A D Y who advised  
R E T I R E M E N T.

By the Same.

**Y**OU little know the heart that you advise ;  
I view this various scene with equal eyes :  
In crowded courts I find myself alone,  
And pay my worship to a nobler throne.  
Long since the value of this world I know,  
Pity the madness, and despise the show.  
Well as I can my tedious part I bear,  
And wait for my dismissal without fear.  
Seldom I mark mankind's detested ways,  
Not hearing censure, nor affecting praise ;  
And, unconcern'd, my future state I trust  
To that sole Being, merciful and just.