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A Collection Of Poems In Six Volumes. By Several Hands

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To a Child of Five Years old. By the Same.

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But Cobham can these tales confute,
 As all the curious know ;
 For he has prov'd beyond dispute,
 That paradise is Srow.



To a Child of Five Years old.

By the Same.

FAIREST flow'r, all flow'rs excelling,
 Which in Eden's garden grew ;
 Flow'rs of Eve's imbower'd dwelling,^a
 Are, my Fair-one, types of you.
 Mark, my Polly, how the roses
 Emulate thy damask cheek ;
 How the bud its sweets discloses,
 Buds thy opening bloom bespeak.
 Lillies are, by plain direction,
 Emblems of a double kind ;
 Emblems of thy fair complexion,
 Emblems of thy fairer mind.
 But, dear girl, both flow'rs and beauty
 Blossom, fade, and die away ;
 Then pursue good sense and duty,
 Evergreens, that ne'er decay.

^a Alluding to Milton's description of Eve's bower.

