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A Collection Of Poems In Six Volumes. By Several Hands

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Written at a Ferme Ornee near Birmingham August 7th, 1749.

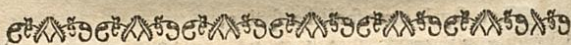
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III.

In vain I call th' harmonious Nine,
 In vain implore Apollo's aid ;
 Obdurate, they refuse a line,
 While spleen and care my rest invade,
 Say, shall we Morpheus next implore,
 And try if dreams befriend us more ?

IV.

Wifely at least he'll stop my pen,
 And with his poppies crown my brow :
 Better by far in lonesome den
 To sleep unheard of — than to glow
 With treach'rous wildfire of the brain,
 Th' intoxicated poet's bane.



Written at a Ferme Ornee near Birmingham ;
 August 7th, 1749.

By the Same.

TIS Nature here bids pleasing scenes arise,
 And wifely gives them Cynthia, to revise :
 To veil each blemish ; brighten every grace ;
 Yet still preserve the lovely Parent's face.
 How well the bard obeys, each valley tells ;
 These lucid streams, gay meads, and lonely cells ;

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