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A Sonnet. Imitated from the Spanish of Lopez de Vega.

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A SONNET.

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By the Same.

CAPRICIOUS W* a sonnet needs must have ;
 I ne'er was so put to't before :—a Sonnet!
 Why, fourteen verses must be spent upon it ;
 'Tis good howe'er t' have conquer'd the first stave.

Yet I shall ne'er find rhymes enough by half,
 Said I, and found my self i'th' midst o'the second:
 If twice four verses were but fairly reckon'd,
 I should turn back on th' hardest part and laugh.

Thus far with good success I think I've scribbled,
 And of the twice seven lines have clean got o'er ten.
 Courage ! another'll finish the first triplet.

Thanks to thee, Muse, my work begins to shorten,
 There's thirteen lines got through driblet by driblet.

'Tis done ! count how you will, I warr'nt there's
 fourteen: