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Ode to Cupid on Valentine's Day. By the Same.

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So the bright fires that light the milky way,  
 Lost and extinguish'd in the solar ray;  
 In the sun's absence pour a flood of light,  
 And borrow all their brightness from the night.

To cheat our eyes how well dost thou contrive;  
 Each object here seems real and alive.  
 Not more resembling life the figures stand,  
 Form'd by Lyfippus, or by Phidias' hand.  
 Unnumber'd beauties in the piece unite;  
 Rush on the eye, and crowd upon the sight.  
 At once our wonder and delight you raise,  
 We view with pleasure, and with rapture praise.

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### ODE to CUPID ON VALENTINE'S Day.

By the Same.

**C**OME thou rosy-dimpled boy,  
 Source of ev'ry heart-felt joy,  
 Leave the blissful bow'rs awhile,  
 Paphos and the Cyprian isle:  
 Visit Britain's rocky shore,  
 Britons too thy pow'r adore,  
 Britons hardy, bold, and free,  
 Own thy laws, and yield to thee.  
 Source of ev'ry heart-felt joy,  
 Come thou rosy-dimpled boy.

Haste

