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DAMON *and* CUPID.

## A S O N G.

## I.

THE sun was now withdrawn,  
 The shepherds home were sped;  
 The moon wide o'er the lawn  
 Her silver mantle spread;  
 When *Damon* staid behind,  
 And fanter'd in the grove:  
 Will ne'er a nymph be kind,  
 And give me love for love?

## II.

Oh! those were golden hours,  
 When Love devoid of cares,  
 In all *Arcadia's* bow'rs  
 Lodg'd swains and nymphs by pairs!  
 But now from wood and plain  
 Flies ev'ry sprightly lass,

No

No joys for me remain,  
 In shades, or on the grafs.

## III.

The winged boy draws near,  
 And thus the swain reproves,  
 While beauty revel'd here,  
 My game lay in the groves ;  
 At Court I never fail  
 To scatter round my arrows,  
 Men fall as thick as hail ;  
 And maidens love like sparrows.

## IV.

'Then, swain, if me you need,  
 Straight lay your sheep-hook down ;  
 Throw by your oaten reed,  
 And haste away to town.  
 So well I'm known at Court,  
 None ask where *Cupid* dwells ;  
 But readily resort  
 To B——n's or L——ll's.



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