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BEAUTY is charming, and surely will win
Swift favour in all men's eyes ;
Sweetness of feature and grace of form
Are gifts from God to prize,
Given to few, yet a blessing true
We never should despise.

But beauty will fade—" 'tis but skin deep"—
And graces and charms will end ;
True worth is better, and wealth of mind
Will greater pleasures lend.
We value a heart and a noble soul,
Though beauty may not attend.

For "favour's deceitful and beauty is vain,"
Age will soon lessen their joy ;
But "far above rubies" are virtue and love,
Pure gold without any alloy ;
Real goodness is beauty that nothing on earth
Can ever decrease or destroy.