

INVITATION

I.

Oh, dearest lady, teach me this I pray,
What I may do to gain a little place
Within thy gen'rous heart, e'en for a space,
And I will give thee worship day by day,
And come to thee in love's endearing way,
To win a trifle of thy gentle grace.

II.

If thou wilt only grant me this one boon,
And let me woo thee for thine own sweet sake,
Then will I serve thee truly, and will make
Thy lightest wish a precept, and attune
My life to thy desires—I would as soon
My honour lose, as this my vow forsake.