

Quite unacquainted with the classic modes
Of wreathing verse in dactyles or spondees,
Or how to fashion by the critic's ken—
All the outlandish and factitious terms
That constitute an epic, or an ode.
To gaudy boquets we make no pretence :
This simple posey the Pierian maids
One day when visiting, with Albyn left
Their office is the daring to adorn
Rather, to soothe the sorrowing be ours.

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