

Bid Naomi just price of her lot but to say,
And this kinsman, I take it, stands ready to
pay."

But said Boaz, "There's something that scarce
can be bought,
And the heart of true womankind otherwise
sought ;
If there's room in thine heart for a maiden so
fair,
Cast this bargaining aside and make way for
her there."

Then this man said, "A maid and a bargain, I
see,
Are two things, to my notion, that but ill can
agree ;
If thou burden'st thy sale with thy maidenhood
true,
Keep the maid to thyself and inheritance too."

Yet the great-hearted Moses, God's spirit that
filled,
Had his own well-formed thoughts about men
of that build ;