

In praise of wine and pleasure well can he
thoughts express,
And in delightful measures his ardent soul
declare.

Protect him, Father Bacchus, it is not meet
at all
That thy so famous votary from lack of care
should fall.

VIII

(Attributed to THEOCRITUS)

STRANGER! who near this statue hap to stray
Regard it well, I pray, with sedulous care,
So that returning home from Teos you may
Exclaim, "I saw Anacreon's statue there."
Then if you say, "He was the flower and
choice

Of all the stars of song of pristine days,
And in the young and fair he did rejoice,"
You will describe him, and most justly
praise.