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The whiteness of her bosom transcendeth the lily;
her smiles are more delicious than a garden of roses.

The innocence of her eye is like that of the turtle;
simplicity and truth dwell in her heart.

The kisses of her mouth are sweeter than honey;
the perfumes of Arabia breathe from her lips.

Shut not thy bosom to the tenderness of love; the
purity of its flame shall ennoble thine heart, and soften
it to receive the fairest impressions.

BOOK III.

Woman.

Give ear, fair daughter of love, to the instructions
of prudence, and let the precepts of truth sink deep in
thy heart; so shall the charms of thy mind add lustre
to the elegance of thy form; and thy beauty, like the
rose it resembleth, shall retain its sweetness when its
bloom is withered:

In the spring of thy youth, in the morning of thy
days, when the eyes of men gaze on thee with delight,
and nature whispereth in thine ear the meaning of
their looks: Ah! hear with caution their seducing
words, guard well thy heart, nor listen to their soft
persuasions.