

Ye Masque of May Day

"for Summer and his pleasures wait on thee"
Shakespeare

"Acting in song, especially in dialogues hath an extreme
good grace"
Bacon

WHEREIN three several
Companies & to wit, FORTUNES
DARLINGS of YE COURTE, YE COUNTRY MUMMERS,
and ROBIN and his MERRIETEN shall all make disporte
together with songs and dancing AROUND YE MAIE POLE
AND here shall be somewhat beholden to ye shrewde
observer how CUPIDE is wont to plague his VICTIM
AND ye he may the more profit
thereby he is coun- sailed to Buy
for HIMSELF ad his LADIE
YE Booke of ye MASQUE to be Found
at ye SIGNE OF YE INKHORN

