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## DAPHNIS and MENALCAS: A PASTORAL.

Sacred to the MEMORY of the

## Late General WOLFE.

And humbly infcribed to the Right Honourable
W I L L I A M P I T T, Efquire.

Eruit ille Argos, Agamemnoniafque Mycenas;
Ultus avos Troje, templa et temerata Minerva. -Oftendunt terris bunc tantum fata; neque ultra Effe finunt:
Quantus ille virûm magnam Mavortis ad urbem Campus aget gemitus! vel qua, Tiberine, videbis
Funera, cum tumulum praterlabêre recentem!
-His Salten accumulem donis, et fingar inani Munere. . Virg.

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## Late General W OLFE.

ARural Mufe attempts your Hero's praife; Vouclifafe, great Patriot, to accept the lays;
Unequal as they are to fuch a theme, That afks a Homer's or a Virgil's flame.
Oh! did the breath of that celeftial fire
That burn'd fo bright in theirs, my breaft infpire,
Strong as the martial Ardor Wolfe poffefs'd,
Or as the Country's Love that warms thy breaft,

Then thou, and all the wond'ring world hould fee A Poem, worthy him, and worthy thee. But here Apollo checks my foaring wing, Of wars, and fighting fields forbids to fing; And foftly whifpers, "Thyr/is! keep the plains, "Content to found the Reed to lift'ning fwains; "Nor fmall the praife, if Britain's Patriot fmile, "The Mufe infpire, and Pbeebus crown' the toil." In that new world where other funs arife, And other ftars and planets gild the fkies, Two Swains (from Britain one deriv'd his birth, And one, untravell'd, till'd his native earth ; ) From rural cares to fhady groves retir'd, Thus fung, and anfwer'd as the mufe infpir'd.
DAPHNIS.

Soft is the mufic of that murm'ring foring, But not fo tuneful as the notes you fing: Sweet whifpers thro' the pines the breezes bear, Your lays are fiweeter to my ravifh'd ear.

## (3)

Then here, where wreathing trees have form'd a bow'r, Let us, reclin'd, in finging wafte an hour; Sing black Monimia's, fair Partbenia's praife; While each may anfwer in alternate lays.
M E NALCAS.

Not Windfor's forefts, nor my native Tbames,
At once the Monarch's feats, and Mufe's themes,
Afford fuch profpects to the wond'ring fwain,
A ftream fo mighty, and fo rich a plain,
As this new world; by nature's forming hand
From chaos rais'd, for Britons to command.
But here I dread the fpeckled ferpent's bite, And falling dews, that trees collect by night.
D A P H N I S.

Then to the naked fteep let us repair, Where nodding promontories hang in air;
Thence we fhall fee our grazing flocks below,
At diftance hear the thund'ring cat'racts flow,

## (4)

And thence furvey, as from great nature's throne,
The worlds that Wolfe has made, and Amperst makes our own.
M E N A LCAS.

Lead on; I follow: In your native land Your try'd experience mult the choice command; And if you fing, as when th' enraptur'd fwains In filence liften'd to the rival ftrains, When you and Thyrfis ftruck th' alternate lyre (He loves black beauties, you the fair admire; Monimia's fable charms employ his fkill, Parthenia's praifes your foft meafures fill) The hungry herds fhall liften from below, The trees forget to move, the gales to blow;
Its fall the thund'ring cataract fufpend, The river rife in heaps, and to the ftrains attend.
D'A P H N I S.

Alas! thefe flattering vanities are o'er,
Nor can fuch trifling themes amufe me more.



## (5)

Whom fhould we fing but Wolfe the bold and brave?
Whofe finih'd Virtue finds an early grave;
Who, conqu'ring for his Country, fmil'd in death,
And worlds bequeath'd her with his parting breath.
Then hear the artlefs verfe I lately made;
I'll fing him living, you lament him dead.
MENALCAS.

Begin the fong, refound the Warrior's praife;
Myfelf fhall anfwer in no vulgar lays.
Both worlds fhall weep the Hero brave and young;
The world he conquer'd, that from which he fprung.

> D A PHNIS.

O native Land! long tofs'd in dire alarms!
Too long a helplefs prey to lawlefs arms!
Rejoice! a golden period is begun:
Rejoice! the fates a happier thread have fpun;
And bleffing, as it runs, the facred clue,
Expofe to future times a web of fairer hue.
Behold

Behold his chofen Chief our Patriot fentis,
On France the brandifl'd thunderbolt defeends.
He comes; the Fero terrible in War
I fee, and hail his bright approach from far,
Our world's reftorer, and our Polar ftar.
Glad beams of conqueft round his temples play;
'The foes behold with terror and difmay,
And from the fierce effulgence turn their eyes away.
Ye flocks and herds, along the meadows ftray;
By purling ftreams, ye lambs, fecurely play :
Your flocks and herds in peace, O fhepherd, tend,
Your fong may lengthen till the fun defcend;
Then back in fafety to your cat repair,
And hope to find your wife and children there:
No ambufh'd Indian lurks to rob of life
Your tender children and your faithful wife.
In fafety to the woods, ye hunters, go
To chace the deer, and pierce the bounding roe;
To peopled lakes explore the beaver's track,
And Atrip the livery from his gloffy back:

## (7)

Then, fafe return'd with trophies of the chace,
Your lovely nymphs with furs and fables grace, Wield the broad axe, lay groaning forefts bare : Ye fwains, on cedar beams your manfions rear; Inclofe the planted grounds; fecurely throw The feed in earth, it fhall fecurely grow:
Your rural feats expect your glad return; Your hofpitable heartho again fhall burn.
The great Deliv'rer comes, in armour dreft, With terror plum'd, and conqueft on his creft.
At his forefeen approach already fly The Gauls, their Indians raife the barb'rous cry. Ye failors, launch your fhips, and loofe your fails,
Catch the firf favours of the fpringing gales;
Defert the fhore, fecure with every breeze,
Yours are the treafures of the peopled feas: And yours the ports. The Royal Island falls; He plants the ftandard on the batter'd walls, Which, like a meteor blazing in mid-air, Denounces conqueft, and fucceffful war.

## (8)

But greater labours yet remain behind;
New conquefts rife to his undaunted mind :
New worlds to pierce, new regions to explore,
Where Britifh freamers never flew before.
From fouthern fkies Etefian breezes blow,
With your warm breath diffolve the molded fnow;
Difcharge th' encumber'd gulph, and clear the fea
Of continents of ice that ftop the Hero's way.
Thou mighty river; fire of Indian ftreams,
That feem'ft an ocean to che boafted Thames,
Unfold thy bofom, open all thy fhoals,
Sufpend thy headlong torrent as it rolls,
A friendly harbour to the Chief afford:
Thou infant world, receive and own thy Lord;
Freed by his conqu'ring hand from Gallic chains, O'er thy unnumber'd lakes, and boundlefs plains,
A Britifb liberty for ever reigns.
Some God infpires. "In my prophetic eye, O'er fall'n Quebrc I fee our ftreamers fly;
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The Emp:efs of this world unfold her gates, And yield at laft to Britain's better fates:
Our conqu'ring holts purfue their defin'd rouads,
Pervade the Continent's extremeft bounds;
Rocks, lakes, and forefts, all their ftrengths refign,
And this unmeafur'd world, O Britain, thine!
All hail, America! the age of gold.
Which Greece and Italy enjoy'd of old;
When Gove was yet unborn, in Saturn's reign;
E'er fwords were forg'd, or facrifices flain,
Or earth was wounded by the fhining fhare ;
When fields were common, like their ambient air,
Nor hollow drums, nor trumpets angry breath,
In rufhing armies rais'd the rage of death.
In this fair clime, reliev'd from civil rage,
Victorious Wolfe revives the golden age :
On naked rocks, unbidden rofes blow,
On barren heaths, fpontaneous harveft grow;
Swamps rear the olive, mountains feed the vine,
Our fields o'erflow: with milk, our rivers run with wine::
Divine:

Divine Afrea (for our pray'rs prevail)
Defcends from Heav'n, and lifts aloft her fcale:
Now murder, fraud, and impious warfare ceafe, The favage Indian tribes depart in peace: O'er this vaft empire, ftretch'd from main to main, One Law, one People, and one Monarch reign;
And the propitious Æra now begun,
Sees its majeftic years in one fmooth tenor run.
When diftant Europe bellows with alarms,
And her vex'd nations madly flart to arms;
When German rivers, choak'd with heaps of flain,
Swoln o'er their banks, run purple to the main; When groans with hoftile navies, Ocean's flood,
And feas are dy'd with French and Engli/b blood;
Our fwains fhall hear, by eviry wind that blows, Of wars; and hearing, blefs their fweet repofe :
Our vales with mufic and with joy fhall ring,
And on our native hills our mufes fing
The praife of Wolfe, and bear his glorious Name
To lateft ages down, their never-dying theme:

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TAMES WOLFE.Efq?



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A Chief, like Baccbus or Alcides great, The Victor of a world, and Former of its fite.
MENALCAS.

Weil haft thou fung; and with a heav'n-born flame Rehears'd his godlike Deeds, and rais'd his deathlefs Name:
My kindling bofom glows with equal fires;
Attend the fong, for now the Mufe infpires.
Acrofs the Main the fatal tidings fled
To Parent Britain of her Hero dead:
The new-found world his conqu'ring arm had gain'd,
The fwelling burft of forrow fcarce reftrain'd;
Joy, more than grief, in ev'ry face appears;
If joy was feen, 'twas joy chaftis'd by tears:
All mourn a Conqueft which fo dear had coft,
Nor think the world acquir'd requites the Life they loft.
Raife one loud Chorus, one lamenting Strain;
Mourn, Parent Britain ! mourn your Hero Aain:
Mourn, both ye Worlds! the Warrior brave and young;
The world he conquer'd, that from which he fprung;

Ev'n the great Patriot grieves, concern'd to find The work too well perform'd which he fo well defign'd:
But hoarding Vengeance in his confcious breaft, This firm refolve the rifing grief reprefs'd:
He vows, The World that caus'd the fatal Strife, Shall yay the Forfeit of so brave a Life.

Whilft our great Monarch equals all his cares, Approves his Purpofe, and his Sorrow' fhares. Genius of Britain! Guardian God! allow The promis'd vengeance, and fuifil the vow!

Be reverenee to your King and Patriot paid;
Mourn, Britons! and with them revenge your Hero dead.
The fatal rumour reach'd his Mother's ears;
In cv'ry breath his Fame and Fate the l.ears.
No more a Mother; furious with defpair, She rends her garments, and fhe tears her Hair ; And oft in frenzy calls upon her Son, Whofe race of Glory is fo fwiftly run.

Revere the Matron, from whofe facred womb Sprung fuch a Hero, loft by fuch a doom.

Drown her wild wailings in a louder ftrain;
Mourn, Britons! mourn with her a Son and Hero flain. The pious Son a weeping Mother left,
In drooping age of ev'ry joy bereft :
Not filial duty could conftrain his Stay;
From Beauty, Love, and Youth he forc'd himfelf away;
Untafted beauty, which the fates decree
His arms no more fhall fold, his eyes no more 'hall fee;
He left a mourning Bride; fo much above
He priz'd his Country's, o'er his Miftrefs' Love.
Mix fofter forrows; raife a tender ftrain;
O Britons! mourn with her the Bridegroom flain:
Mourn, both ye Worlds! the Wartior brave and young;
The world he conquer'd, that from which he fprung.
In vain the Hero pledg'd his faith, to come
To her expecting arms, with Glory home;
Conquefts he gain'd, and blooming Laurels wore;
Fore-doom'd, ah! never to behold her more,
Or gaze with rapture on her lovely face;
She has already had his laft embrace.

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Mix fofter forrows; raife a tender ftrain;
O Britons / mourn with her the Bridegroom flain: Mourn, both ye Worlds! the Hero brave and young; The world he conquer'd, that from which he fprung. O Nymph divine! the grief thy bofom bears, Seek not to hide, but give it vent in tears: Array'd in fable weeds difplay thy woe, Proud that Mankind thy matchlefs choice fhould know; For who would not be proud of fuch a Love; Of Queens on earth; or Goddeffes above; A Chief, in bloom of youth, his Country's pride, Who won one world, and for another dy'd ?

Britain fhall mourn with thee thy Bridegroom flain, Soft forrows mix, and raife a tender ftrain; Both Worlds fhall weep thy Herc brave and young; The world he conquer'd, that from which he fprung.

His breathlefs coarfe all decent Honours wait, And thou fhalt fee him grac'd with all the pomp of State. One face of forrow a whole People wear, Kings, Princes, Senates, weeping round his bier;

Victorious Hofts, which He to combat led, Whom living they ador'd, lamenting dead : Thro' crouded ftreets the fad Proceffion go, And Earth's Metropolis one fcene of woe. Pay grateful Honours to his facred Shade; Mourti, Parent Britain / mourn your Hero dead.

Raife to his Memory, and deathlefs Name,
The fculptur'd tomb, and monument of fame. Show him like Pboebus. Patron of the bow, Graceful in Youth, like Jove's his awful brow. How gazing armies fix on him their eyes, Refolv'd, like him, each foldier fights or dies. Show how the French and favage Indians fly The Thunders of his arm, and Lightnings of his eye ; How at his felt approach their City Shakes; Thro' all its hundred States their empire quakes, Refigns its forefts, and fubmits its lakes.

Raife to his Memory, and deathlefs Name, The fculptur'd tomb, and monument of fame.

Now fhow the fad rcierfe; the Heto lics
As if in pleafing flumbers; clos'd his eyes,
That martial Arcour fill, in death, exprefsd
That Country's Love which warm'd his dauntlefs breaft.
With wreaths of Laurel let his brows be bound,
With broken arms and truncheons frew the ground,
Plant Armies, Senates, Princes, weeping round.
By golden armour, and a radiant creft,
And martial port, diftinguih'd from the reft, Place noble Graney, Ammerst, Townshend there, Mourning their Friend, and Brother of the War.
Fix'd as a fatue, near his much-lov'd fide,
In filent forrow, piace the beauteous Bride.
But oh ! what magic fculpture can exprefs
The Parent's grief, the Mother's deep difirefs!
Like Hector's Nicther be the Matron laid,
A fable mantle o'er her rev'rend head,
Growing to earth, and groveling on the Dead.

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Marquis of Granby.













General Wolfe's Monument in Weftminfter Abbey.


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Invoking Heav'n ; and on his awful brow Engrave in living lines this folemn Vow;
The conquer'd World, that caus'd the fatal Strife,
Shall pay the Price of this lamented Life。
While at his fide our fecond Father ftands
To hear and to fulfil his dread commands; And Britain's Genius, hov'ring in mid-air,
Confirms the folemn vow, and hears the Monarch's pray'r.
Raife to his Memory, and deathlefs Name,
The fculptur'd tomb, and monument of fame.
Now high above let op'ning Heav'n difplay
Its everlafting gates, that flame with Day;
Place Gods and Demi-gods and Heroes round,
By Fove himfelf the facred Synod crown'd:
Let all behold the immontal Spirit rife;
With fong the Mufes hail him to the fkies:
His feat with thofe who conquer'd as they bled,
Betwixt the Theban and the valiant Swede;
While his great Fathet, with a Father's joy,
Receives, alas! too foon, his darling Boy.

Heav'ns! what mine eyes behold, may I believe!
Or dreams my fancy, and its dreams deceive?
See, from the fpot where our great Hero lies,
A meteor fhine, a trail of light arife;
And now it fpreads, and now afcends the fkies.
See, forked light'nings in the Weft appear;
Hark! on the Left it thunders thro' the clear.
'Tis paft a doubt-there foars th' immortal Soul
To manfions of the Bleft, above the Starry Pole.
Ye Gods, ye Demi-gods, behold him rife;
With fong, ye Mufes, hail him to the fkies;
And thou, great Father, with a Father's joy,
Receive, too foon for us, thy darling Boy.
Let unavailing tears no more be fhed;
No more, ye Britons, mourn your Hero dead:
He lives in Blifs ; his Guardian Care protects
Your hofts in Conquefts, he no more directs:
He lives in Blifs; his Guardian Care extends
To your lov'd Inle, his Arm no more defends.

DAPHN1S.

O heav'nly Poet! foft defcending rains
Are not fo welcome to the anxious Swains,
When Sirius throws his burning beams around,
And threats their hopes, committed to the ground;
Nor fragrant thyme to the laborious Bee,
Is half fo grateful, as thy Song to me.
Not thirfty Trav'lers in the defart hear
Frefh falls of water murmur in their ear ;
Nor fweating Lab'rers in the fun-burnt vale Receive, with greater joy, the cooling gale; Than I, in filence and attention hung,
Have fat, and liften'd to the frains you fung. Who would not die like Wolfe to Thare his Praife, And Share thofe Honcurs promis'd in thy Lays! Still fuch to Britain, gracious Heav'n! allow; Like him to conquer, and to fing like youl.

But fee the Herds, their hafty fupper done;
Draw near the fold, retiring with the fun:

The Slaves their wearied limbs at eafe recline;
The tafk perform'd their wayward Lords enjoin.
All reft but one, who with unwearied toil ! voT
Protracts the day, and works the Ttabborn foils stav of ton on $\Lambda$ Two tafks at once his pious hands engage, $2 \quad 2 \mathrm{mit}$ ramy, To fare his spregnant wife, and father's'ages wari athat $\operatorname{Dac} A$ Untutor'd Slaves confef Paternal kight; ot ormit insomit $10 / 1$ Sof Love their fiercenets tames, and makes theirm, adage Hegs Now from the cotage fet my Detid eoneanT yhail soh
 The ev'ning ftreaks of light in dankefs end, grimow? $20 / 1$ Then let us hence er noxious dews effeuntey suiv, prizos SS










