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III. Of Waller, on a lady singing to her lute

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WALLER.

Of a LADY finging to her LUTE.

FAIR Charmer, cease, nor make your voice's
prize

A heart resign'd the conquest of your eyes:

Well might, alas! that threatned vessel fail,

Which winds and lightning both at once assail.

We were too blest with these enchanting lays, 5

Which must be heav'nly when an Angel plays:

But killing charms your lover's death contrive,

Lest heav'nly music should be heard alive.

Orpheus could charm the trees, but thus a tree,

Taught by your hand, can charm no less than he:

A poet made the silent wood pursue,

This vocal wood had drawn the Poet too.