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THE ADVICE:

A SONG.

I.

THE business of woman, dear Chloe, is pleasure;
 And by love ev'ry fair one her minutes should measure.
 Oh! for love we're all ready, you cry—Very true;
 Nor would I rob the gentle fond god of his due.
 Unless in the sentiments Cupid has part,
 And dips in the amorous transport his dart,
 'Tis tumult, disorder, 'tis loathing and hate,
 Caprice gives it birth, and contempt is its fate.

II.

True passion insensibly leads to the joy,
 And grateful esteem bids its pleasures ne'er cloy.
 Yet here you should stop—but your whimsical sex
 Such romantic ideas to passion annex,
 That poor men, by your visions and jealousy worried,
 To nymphs less ecstatic, but kinder, are hurried.
 In your heart, I consent, let your wishes be bred;
 Only take care your heart don't get into your head.

SONG.

I.

WHAT a rout do you make for a single poor kiss!
 I seiz'd it, 'tis true, and I ne'er shall repent it:
 May he ne'er enjoy one, who shall think 'twas amiss!
 But for me, I thank dear Cytherea, who sent it.

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