

# M A R I A N A,

On the death of the very excellent Lady,  
the Lady GLYNNE.

W Hile rising tears our willing tongue prevent,  
We only can in tears be eloquent.  
The Muse now speaks, that has so long forbore,  
She pays the debt, when grief can give no more.  
She pays the debt to *Mariana's* grave,  
And mourns her fate, she would have died to save.  
Ah cruel powers! that can so soon receive  
Such matchless worth, as You so seldom give.  
Could She whole Ages dwell with us below,  
Eternity would still be left for You.  
But oh! You think, while she unkindly stays,  
Your joys imperfect, and your Heav'n the less.  
I see, I see, the fatal message come!  
The absent Saint is to be summon'd home.  
In her fair breast, such godlike passions move,  
She robs the Skies, and makes a dearth above.  
Yet oh! how vain, how groundless was your fear!  
You yet enjoy'd Her, when she blest us here:  
You were the subject of her sacred flame,  
Paid gratefully to Heaven, from whence it came:  
While wond'ring Angels modestly look'd down,  
And blush'd, with generous shame to be outdone.

Inferior virtues were not worth our boast,  
Those lesser streams in this great tide are lost.  
O! should I sing her hospitable door,  
Her sweetness, prudence, and her charming power;  
New praise would ever load my joyful tongue,  
Eternal as the Theme, would be the Song.

But once, kind Muse, once more thy Votary blest,  
And *Phæbus* ever crown thee with success:  
Since only tears can paint the fatal scene,  
Tell the sad Tale, and weep at every line.  
Tell, how the Saint in doubtful slumbers lay,  
Too kind to leave us, yet too good to stay.  
Tell how concern'd her noble Lover fate,  
And Heav'n invoc'd, and urg'd remorseless fate.  
While the dear fruit and object of their joys,  
With tears uncommon, stain'd his beauteous eyes.  
So wounded *Venus* lay in *Jove's* abodes,  
Such care, such horror, seiz'd the deathless gods;  
When *Mars* grown tender, mourn'd the fatal blow,  
And *Cupid* wept, and broke his Golden Bow.

And

