

Proceedings so unbiass'd, clear, and free,  
They charm the lost *Astrea* down, to see  
On *Earth*, such *Primitive* Integrity.  
But when on *Life's* Tribunal he is set,  
Justice and Mercy are together met;  
With Looks and Language Awful, not Austere,  
So circumspect in Dooming, so sincere,  
That ev'n the Sentenc'd think him not Severe.

Could Verse assume *His* Style, of Strength and Ease,  
Compacted Sense, with all the Charms to please,  
My Muse, that with the *Accomplisht* Judge began,  
Might next proceed to Sing th' *Accomplisht* Man.

But who, in fetter'd Numbers, can Comprise  
The Great, the Good, the Just, the Learn'd and Wise?  
The steady Temper, condescending Mind,  
Indulgent to Distress, to Merit kind;  
Knowledge sublime, sharp Judgment, Piety,  
From Pride, from Censure, and Moroseness free.  
Cautious in Promise, in Performance Sure;  
Swift of Dispatch, yet in Dispatch Secure.  
Solemn as Night, and cheerful as the Day.  
O Golden Mean! O Worth without Allay!  
Renown'd amongst the noble generous *Few*  
Who Vertue's most exalted Rules pursue,  
As if for Nature's last Reserve design'd,  
To prop the Sinking Credit of Mankind.

When high in Publick Seated, to dispense  
Impartial Right, we wish him never Thence;  
Yet when withdrawn, his private Friends to bless,  
With Transport fir'd we wou'd for ever press,  
Ingross the Bliss, and his whole Time possess.  
Thus Patriarchs heretofore, at vacant Hours,  
Treated their Visitants in *Sylvan* Bow'rs;  
Thus *Socrates* th' Esteem of *Athens* gain'd,  
Thus *Plato's* happy Guests were entertain'd;  
Such Conversation may ev'n Gods invite,  
Where Learning, Reason, Wit, their Force Unite,  
Experience, Truth, Instruction, and Delight.

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*This Essay, written some time since, tho' short of the Character of that Extraordinary Person, may not be altogether unacceptable on this Mournful Occasion.*

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