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Pright Phoebus finiling brings the Morning tide

And fair the Orient his Purple thows,

Sire of our Joy! o Source of our Delight.

O Day, the faireft fure, that ever role.

On Pleasure's Wing descend, and starly proud Give to each Hour a Tincture of thy White, Nay, when the Voice has ceased to swell aloud With blessing Hymns; then close thy happy Flight.

But where am J? what do I undertake
A Stranger in Apollo's Sanctuary?
What means this Eagernesf? and for whose-fake
Stand J inclined to the Poefy?

Is it to fing the majefly of Day?
What will the filly Muse with all her ftrains?
True 'tis a Work of Milton's higher lay,
Of charming Addition's and Thomfon's brains.

But yet transported by the keeneft blaze (That ever warm'd a Bosom) of Delight,

J feorn the Censure's all reproving gaze

And thinck me safe in thee, Soul chearing Light!

The Temple calls YOU in; the Altar glows
With incenfe, which the Subject's pious Hand
In double fragrant Heaps on YOU bellows.

CHRISTINA! now fhake of the untim'd Delay
THY HENRY waits for Hymen's facted Noose.

Go on, YE both, the Myrtles pave the Way,

Knot fast the Tie, that never shall grew loose.

SHE comes already here, majeflick fair,

Jn white as Innocence with Silver clad,

A golden Garland decks HER black-brown Hair,

The Graces play around in female Red.

The Off figring of Silefia's nobleft Race.

Thrice welcome, LORD! pronounce with joyous Mouth
The Word, that shall Thy Life for ever grace.

'T is given -- Well! the Trumpet founds aloud Mufick and Song ding fiveer the pleafed Ear, From ev'ty where J hear the blesfing Shout: Sure, 'tis the faireft Day of all the Year. A gentle Love may still YOVR Life adorn,
Succeeding Years on You their Plenty run,
Full blooming Peace may ever blest Your Morn
And Age anhecded by Delight come on;

Which only can YOUR well-ty'd Knot unfold,

And YOU at last are yielding to his Pow'r

What rests of both, one Sepulchre shall hold.

Tet while with close Delight and inward Pride

I fee the Pomp; the Dusk begins to hush

Our World; bright Venus fhows her twinkling Side

And but the weftern Parts with crimfon blush

Parwell o God of Day! fet up thy Reft

Pur out the Horfes of the heamy Wain,

And do recline thy felf on Therie's Breaft.

He flies. - - - The Night falls darkning on the Plain.



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