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An Elegy

on the Glory of Her Sex

MRS. MARY BLAIZE

by

Dr. Oliver Goldsmith

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[Illustration (painting, pic03.jpg)]

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Good people all,
with one accord,
Lament for
Madam Blaize,
Who never wanted
a good word—

[Illustration (drawing, pic05trans.gif)]

From those



[Illustration (drawing, pic06trans.gif)]

who spoke her praise.

[Illustration (painting, pic07.jpg)]

[Illustration (drawing, pic08trans.gif)]

The needy seldom pass'd her door,
And always found her kind;
She freely lent to all the poor—

[Illustration (drawing, pic09trans.gif)]

Who left

[Illustration (drawing, pic10trans.gif)]

a pledge behind.

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She strove the neighbourhood to please
With manners wondrous winning;

[Illustration (drawing, pic13trans.gif)]

And never follow'd wicked ways—

[Illustration (drawing, pic14trans.gif)]

Unless when she was sinning.

[Illustration (drawing, pic15trans.gif)]

At church, in silks and satins new,
With hoop of monstrous size,
She never slumber'd in her pew—

[Illustration (painting, pic16.jpg)]

[Illustration (drawing, pic17trans.gif)]

But when she shut her eyes.

[Illustration (drawing, pic18trans.gif)]



[Illustration (drawing, pic19trans.gif)]

Her love was sought, I do aver,
By twenty beaux and more;
The King himself has follow'd her—

[Illustration (painting, pic20.jpg)]

[Illustration (drawing, pic21trans.gif)]

When she has walk'd before.

[Illustration (drawing, pic22trans.gif)]

But now, her wealth and finery fled,
Her hangers-on cut short-all:
The Doctors found, when she was dead
Her last disorder mortal.

[Illustration (drawing, pic23trans.gif)]

Let us lament, in sorrow sore,
For Kent Street well may say,
That had she lived a twelvemonth more,—
She had not died to-day.

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