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## On Friendship.

**F**riendship (the great pursuit of noble Minds)  
 Passion in abstract, void of all designs ;  
 Each generous Pen, doth celebrate thy Fame,  
 And yet I doubt, thou'rt nothing but a Name.  
 Some pregnant Fancy, in a raptur'd height,  
 Produc'd this mighty notional Delight.  
 The Muses virtuosal Chymistry,  
 To turn all Fortunes to Felicity ;  
 'Tis fancy'd well, and this I dare engage,  
 Were all Men Friends, 'twould be the golden Age :  
 But tell me where, this Extract may be found,  
 And what Ingredients make the Rich Compound ;  
 Or in what Soul, is that true kindly heat,  
 That can this great Experiment compleat.  
 Sometimes a fond good Nature lights upon  
 A soft and civil Temper like its own ;  
 Strait they resolve to be those happy things,  
 Which when combin'd, pity contending Kings :

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Yet e'er they reach these sublimated Joys,  
They'r poorly lost, in Treachery or Toys.  
The mighty Notions of the exalted State,  
Sink to a vulgar Commerce, or Debate:  
Sure, like the Chymick Stone, it was design'd,  
But to Employ the curious searching Mind,  
In the pursuit of what, none e'er shall find;  
Their Quality's I'm sure do prove all one,  
Who trusts too much to either, is undone.

## *The Extacy.*

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**M**ount, Mount, my Soul on high,  
Cut through the spacious Sky;  
Scale the great Mountainous heaps that be,  
Betwixt the upper World, and thee.  
Stop not, till thou the utmost Region know,  
Leave all the Shining Worlds below:  
Then take thy Noble flight,  
Into the sacred Magazine of Light,  
View the bright, the Ethereal Throne  
Of the great, the Almighty ONE.

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