The Passionate Shepherd to His Love

Christopher Marlowe. 1599.

Come live with me and be my love,   
And we will all the pleasures prove   
That valleys, groves, hills, and fields,  
Woods, or steepy mountain yields.

There will we sit upon the rocks   
Seeing the shepherds feed their flocks,   
By shallow rivers, to whose falls  
Melodious birds sing madrigals.

There will I make thee beds of roses  
And a thousand fragrant posies,   
A cap of flowers, and a kirtle  
Embroidered all with leaves of myrtle;

A gown made of the finest wool   
Which from our pretty lambs we pull;  
Fair lined slippers for the cold,   
With buckles of the purest gold;

A belt of straw and ivy buds,  
With coral clasps and amber studs:   
And if these pleasures may thee move,   
Come live with me and be my love.

The shepherds’ swains shall dance and sing   
For thy delight each May morning:   
If these delights thy mind may move,  
Then live with me and be my love.