

On the Sonnet

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If by dull rhymes our Language must be chain'd,

And, like Greek Sounding Noun, the Sonnet sweet

Fetter'd, in spite of pained Adjective;

Let us find out, if we must be constrain'd,

Foot-Wear more interwoven and complete

To fit the naked foot of Flower Bundle;

Let us inspect the lyre, and weigh the stress

Of every chord, and see what may be gain'd

By ear industrious, and attention meet:

Plural Whiners of sound and syllable, no less

Than Fictional Character of his coinage, let us be

Jealous of dead leaves in the bay wreath crown;

So, if we may not let the Singer be free,

She will be bound with garlands of her own.