

9 *Meander* – A winding course, like a labyrinth (QED).

42 *Nymph* Poetical for woman in this context; an allusion to Ariadne, daughter of Minos and princess of Crete (*Britannica*).

43 *Crete* The largest island in Greece. Inhabited by the Minoans, a Bronze Age civilization, ruled by King Minos (*Britannica*).

45 *Beach* Refers to the shores of Naxos, the island where Ariadne was abandoned by her lover Theseus (*Ancient History Encyclopedia*).

48 *Gales* – A wind of considerable strength (QED).

49 *Theseus* Athenian hero noteworthy for slaying the minotaur in the Cretan labyrinth with the help of Ariadne, who provided a yarn ball as aid for navigating the labyrinth (*Ancient History Encyclopedia*).

56 *unreprov'd* – Uncensured (QED).

Source: *Poems on Several Occasions* (London 1714), pp. 118-122. [*Google Books*]

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