Anonymous, â??Galetea to Triton. On Jealousieâ?•

Description

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â??Galatea to Triton. On Jealousie*â?•*
Written by a Lady.

Love is the Land of Hope and Fear,
Of Pleasure mixâ??d with Pain,
Where, oâ??er the Heart, soft Joy, and Care,
Alternate Empire gain.
Possest of all we can desire,
Fear mingles with our Joy,
The Source of all our tender Fire
Does still our Bliss destroy.
For *Triton*â??s Charms, that wound my Heart,
My jealous Mind alarm.
I fear, alas! thâ??unerring Dart,
Some other Breast shouâ??d warm.
I dread the Force of other Eyes
His amâ??rous Soul shouâ??d move;
My Happiness my Fear supplies,
Convincâ??d that he can love.
My Hopes and his dear Tongue agree,
To flatter my Desire;
But then, alas! warm Jealousie
Makes all my Hopes expire.
Forgive me, *Triton*, if my Heart
These anxious Pangs possess;
Less shouâ??d I feel thâ?? uneasie Smart,
Couâ??d I but love you less.
Excess of Love augments my Pains,
Which when youâ??re by decline:
To end them quite still here remain,
So long Iâ??m sure youâ??re mine.

NOTES:

Title *Galatea* A Nereid (sea nymph); daughter of the sea god Nereus in Greek mythology (*Britannica*); *Triton* â??Greek god of the sea, son of Poseidonâ?• (*OED*).

11 *Dart* Figurative for Cupidâ??s arrow, the dart of love.

22 *Pangs* â??A sudden sharp spasm of pain which grips the body or a part of itâ?• (*OED*).

23 *Smart* â??Sharp, often intense, physical painâ?• (*OED*).

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