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Description

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When skillful traders first set up,
To draw the people to their shop,
They strait hang out some gaudy sign,
Expressive of the goods within.
The Vintner has his boy and grapes, Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â 5
The Haberdasher thread and tapes,
The Shoemaker exposes boots,
And Monmouth Street old tatterâ€™d suits.

So fares it with the nymph divine;
For what is Beauty but a Sign? Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â 10
A face hung out, throâ€™ which is seen
The nature of the goods within.

Thus the coquet her beau ensnares
With studyâ€™d smiles, and forward airs:
The graver prude hangs out a frown Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â 15
To strike thâ€™ audacious gazer down;
But she alone, whose tempâ€™rate wit
Each nicer medium can hit,
Is still adornâ€™d with evâ€™ry grace,
And wears a sample in her face. Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â 20

