



Raisâ€™d in a Moment, in a Moment broke. 30

Loud Acclamations snapt the pleasing Chain,  
And all the Gew-gaws vanishâ€™d from her Brain:  
Her Maid in Tears the fatal Tiding brought,  
*Silvio* had all his Vows and Herâ€™s forgot;  
That Morning married to her favourite Friend, 35  
And here, poor Girl, her Expectations end.

**NOTES:**

**Title** *Aminta* The male protagonist in a pastoral play written in 1573 by Torquato Tasso; Dixon has switched the gender of her titular character (*Britannica*).

**5** *Prime* The time just before sunrise (OED).

**15** *Fancy* Poetical imagination (Johnson).

**17** *Trim* Neatly or smartly made, prepared, or arranged; elegantly or finely arrayed” (OED).

**21** *Goddess Fortune* Roman goddess of fate, chance, or luck; *Van* The foremost portion of, or the foremost position in, a company or train of persons moving, or prepared to move, forwards or onwards (OED).

**25** *Brussel*’s Lace Delicate, handmade lace from Flanders (*Britannica*); *Operas* Emended from *Opera* (a printer’s error).

**32** *Gew-gaws* In plural, vanities (OED).

**34** *Silvio* Silvia is the female love interest of Aminta in Tasso’s play; Dixon also has switched the gender of this character (*Britannica*).

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