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That from their Airy Eminence they may
With Pride and Scorn thâ€™ inferior World survey,
Here we shouâ€™d dwell obscure, yet happier far than they.

NOTES:

4 *sprightly* â€™Bright, clear, cheerful; lively, energeticâ€™(QED).

8 *Fancy* That is, poetic imagination.

10 *Numbers* Poetry.

11 *sacred Laurel* Associated with Apollo, Greek god of poetry. Wreathes of laurel were crowned upon renowned poets, meant to symbolize divine inspiration.

15 *black* â€™Full of gloom, melancholy, misery, or sadnessâ€™(QED); *Repose* â€™Stateâ€™ of being free from care, anxiety, or other disturbances; ease, serenityâ€™(QED).

18 *first Parents* Adam and Eve. In Christian theology, created as the first humans, meant to dwell in harmony with the idyllic Garden of Eden.

20 *warbling* â€™Of birds: To sing clearly and sweetlyâ€™(QED).

31 *Strains* â€™A musical sequence of sounds; a melody, tuneâ€™(QED).

35 *State* â€™A personâ€™s social, professional, or legal status or conditionâ€™(QED).

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