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For like thy Beams, his genâ€™rous Virtues spread,
And shine benignant on the humble Head.

NOTES:

3 *Ardors* â€™Fierce or burning heatâ€™(QED).

16 *Embossings* â€™To adorn with figures or other ornamentation in reliefâ€™(QED).

18 *AEther* â€™The clear sky; the upper regions of space beyond the cloudsâ€™(QED).

20 *Fervors* â€™Glowing condition, intense heatâ€™(QED).

25 *MECENAS* Gaius Cilnius Maecenas (c.70 BC-c. 8 BC), Roman politician, counselorÂ to the emperorÂ Augustus, and wealthy patron of such poets as Virgil and Horace. His name became synonymous with ideal literary patronage by the eighteenth century (*Encyclopedia Britannica*).

29 *MARIA* Mastersâ€™s poetic name for herself.

32 *benignant* â€™Cherishing or exhibiting kindly feeling towards inferiors or dependants; gracious, benevolent (with some suggestion of condescension or patronage)â€™(QED).

Â **Source:**Â *Poems on Several Occasions*, (London 1733), pp. 52-54. Â [Hathi Trust]

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