Anonymous, â??Song for an Amazonâ?¦â?•

## Description

ANONYMOUS

**â??SONG for an AMAZON**
***Intended to have been sung after the complaining Pastoral Ballad in Comusâ?•***

Swains I scorn, who, nice and fair,
Shiver at the morning air,
Rough and hardy, bold and free,
Be the man thatâ??s made for me.

Slaves to fashion, slaves to dress,
Fops themselves alone caress,
Let them without rival be,
They are not the men for me.

He whose nervous arm can dart,
The javelin to the tygerâ??s heart,
From all sense of danger free,
Heâ??s the man thatâ??s made for me.

While his speed outstrips the wind,
Lovely wave his locks behind,
From his fantastic foppery free,
Heâ??s the man thatâ??s made for me.

Nor simpering smile, nor dimple sleek
Spoil his manly sun-burnt cheek,
By weather let him painted be,
Heâ??s the man thatâ??s made for me

If false he prove my javelin can
Revenge the perjury of man,
And soon another, brave as he,
Shall be found the man for me.

**NOTES:**

**Title** *Comus* A masque written by John Milton (1608-1674), first performed in 1634 and published in 1637.

**1** *Swains* Young lovers or suitors.

**6** *Fops* Men overly concerned with their appearance.

**17** *sleek* â??(Of hair, fur, or skin) smooth and glossyâ?• (*OED*).

**22** *perjury* â??The offense of willfully telling an untruth in a court after having taken an oath or affirmationâ?• (*OED*).

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