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The Day is come, the mystick Knot is tyâ??d,
And HYMEN laughs upon the beautâ??ous Bride.
Amidst her Maids, see gay MARINDA shine,
Newly conducted from the Sacred Shrine:
Great *Heavâ??n*, the wise Disposer of her Charms,
Consigns them to a happy Loverâ??s Arms:
Happiest among the Happy here below,
On whom thâ?? indulging Fates such Gifts bestow.

In fair MARINDAâ??s Person is exprest,
All that can most delight the Human Breast.
Motion its Charms in full Perfection spreads,
Where with a graceful Negligence she treads,
And Innocence, which might the First-born Pair
Adorn, displays itself in evâ??ry Air.
Yet thoâ?? her Form has various Beauties joinâ??d,
It yields in Beauty to her brighter Mind:
Amidst the Virgin Trains the first is namâ??d,
For Wit, for Eloquence, and Virtue, famâ??d,
When-eâ??er she speaks, who strives not to be near?
See warmâ??d Attention bend the listâ??ning Ear!
With still Surprise, see the fond Hearers gaze!
While evâ??ry Heart beats Measure to her Praise:
Experiencâ??d Age may by her Youth be taught,
So sage Her Maxims, so sublime her Thought.

But lo! the happy Bridegroom now draws nigh,
His Soulâ??s in Triumph and his Heart beats high:
A livelier Red inflames his amâ??rous Cheek,
And in his Voice the tendâ??rest Accents break:
With Looks erect, and with manly Air
He meets the softer Beauties of the Fair
The dedicated Nymph each Thought employs,
See from his Eyes the emanating Joys!
He seats himself with Pleasure by her side,
And looks transported on his blushing Bride.

Hail, wedded Pair! O may your Union prove
The brightest Pattern of Connubial Love!
And may this Day, select by smiling Fate,
Parent of Blessings in your Nuptial State,
Revolving often with the rolling Years,
Neâ??er bring less Joy than what the present wears.
Nor melancholy Cares, nor stormy Strife,
Trouble the Tenour of your future Life.

And when the tender Pledges of your Love
In Years to come MARINDAâ??S Form improve.
New Charmers (yet unborn) shall fire the Muse,
And endless Beauties endless Verse diffuse.

NOTES:

2 *HYMEN* God of marriage.

13 *First-born Pair* Adam and Eve.

36 *Connubial* â??Of or relating to marriage or a married coupleâ?•(*OED*).

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