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MELISMATA

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PHANSIES.

FITTING THE COVRT.

CITIE, AND COVNTREY

HVMOVRS.

To 3, 4, and 5. Voyces.

To all delightfull, except to the Spitefull,

To none offensiue, except to the Pensiue.

LONDON,

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COVNTRY PASTIMES

A Wooing Song of A Yeoman of Kents Sonne

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I haue house and land in Kent,
And if you'l loue me, loue me now:
Two pence halfe-peny is my rent,
I cannot come euery day to woo.

Ich am my vathers eldest zonne,
My mother eke doth love me well,
For ich can bravely clout my shoone,
And ich full well can ring a bell.

Chorus. For he can brauely clout his shoone,

My vather he gaue me a hogge,
My mouther she gaue me a zow;
I haue a God-vather dwels there by,
And he on me bestowed a plow.

Chor. He has a God-vather dwels there by,
And he on him bestowed a plow.

One time I gaue thee a paper of pins,
Anoder time a taudry lace;
And if thou wilt not grant me loue,
In truth ich die bevore thy vace.
Cho. And if thou wilt not grant his loue,
In truth hee'le die bevore thy vace.

Ich haue been twice our Whitson Lord, Ich have had ladies many vare;



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And eke thou hast my heart in hold, and in my minde zeemes passing rare.

Cho. And eke thou hast his heart in hold, and in his mind seemes passing rare.

Ich will put on my best white sloppe, And ich will weare my yellow hose; And on my head a good gray hat, And in't ich sticke a louely rose.

Wherefore cease off, make no delay,
And if you'le loue me, loue me now;
Or els ich zeeke zome oder where,
For I cannot come euery day to woo.

Cho. Or else hee'le zeeke zome oder where,
For he cannot come euery day to woo