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To an Excellent New Tune.

As I sat at my spinning-wheel, a bonny Lad there passed by, ken'd him round, and I lik'd him well, geud Faith he had a bonny Eye:

My Heart new panting, 'gan to feel, But still I trun'd my Spinning-Wheel.

Most gracefully he did appear, As he my presence did draw near, And round about my slender Waste, He clasp'd his Arms and me embrac'd: To kiss my Hand he down did kneel, As I sate at my Spinning-Wheel.

My Milk-white Hand he did extol, And prais'd my fingers long and small, And said, there was no Lady fair,



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That ever could with me compare: These pleasing words my Heart did feel, But still I turn'd my Spinning-Wheel.

Altho' I semeingly did chide, Yet he would never be deny'd, But did declare his love the more, Untill my Heart was wounded sore, That I my Love could scarce conceal; But yet I turn'd my Spinning-Wheel.

A for my Yarn, my Rock, and Reel, And after that my Spinning-Wheel, He bid me leave them all with speed, And gang with him to yonders Mead: My panting Heart strange Flames did feel, Yet still I turn'd my Spinning-Wheel.

He stopt and gaz'd and blithly said, Now speed thee weel my bonny Maid, But if thou'st to the Hay-cock go, I'll learn thee better Work, I trow; Geud Faith I lik'd him passing weel, But still I turn'd my Spinning-Wheel.

He lowly vail'd his Bonnet oft, And sweetly Kist my Lips so soft, Yet still between each honey Kiss. He urg'd me gang to further bliss; 'Till I resistless Fire did feel, Then let alone my Spinning-Wheel.

Among the pleasant Cocks of Hay, Then with my bonny Lad I lay, What Damsel ever could deny, A Youth with such a Charming Eye? The Pleasure I cannot reveal, Is far surpast the Spinning-Wheel.