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Behold the Beautiful, the Gay,
 The Brave, whom Danger can't dismay,
 Not only look Death in the Face,
 But bravely fly to his Embrace.
 Life's but a Banquet, or a Feast,
 Where ancient Men ha' done their best ;
 But they're unwilling to give o'er,
 When they can eat and drink no more :
 When they shou'd bid their Host good-night,
 And thank him, they will stay in spight ;
 Spoil Company, and prate, and weep,
 Like Maudlin Sots that shou'd go sleep.

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The Fox and the Wolf.

A Fox in a Well by Misfortune did fall,
 And 'twas but in vain for Assistance to call.
 A Wolf passing by, came and look'd in his Face,
 Friend *Reynard*, said he, you're in a fine Case ;
 You need not the Hen, nor the Chicken her Daughter,
 As far as I see, to make your Chops water :
 No Friar that starves himself in a Cell,
 Can mortify better, than you in this Well.
 Pray how feels the Water, as cool as you'd wish ;
 And what's your chief Diet here, Frogs or Fish ?
 Well, you're young & hardy, and Nature can't fail,
 Were I there, 'twou'd make me catch Cold in my

M O R A L.

(Tail.

*'Tis cruel to jest when a Man is in Grief,
 Or give him hard Language, that sues for Relief :
 Did an Enemy want, and never importune,
 A generous Heart would relieve his Misfortune.
 But he's a bad Man, and what if he be,
 Shew therefore that you a'n't as wicked as he.*

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