

The Muses Gardin for Delights

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9. There was a shepherd

1

There was a shepherd that did liue,
And helde his thoughts as hie,
As were the Mounts, whereon his flockes
Did hourelly feede him by.
He from his youth, his tender youth,
Which was vnapt to keepe,
Or hopes , or feares, or loues, or cares,
Or thoughts but of his sheepe.

2

Did with his dogge as Shepherds doe,
For Shepherds wanting wit,
Deuise some sports, though foolish sports,
Yet sports for Shepherds fit,
The boy that (yet) was but a boy,
Ans so desir's were hid,
Did grow a man, and men must loue,
And loue this Shepherd did.

3

He loued much, none can too much,
Loue one so high diuine,
As but her selfe, none but her selfe,
So faire, so fresh, so fine,
He vowed by his Shepherds weede,
An Oath which Shepherds keepe,
That he would follow Phillyday,
Before a flocke of sheepe.