Sung by Mr Beard and Miss Norris
in the Chaplet
[Contented all day]
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Laura:
While you are but by me, no danger I fear,
Ye lambs, rest in safety, my Damon is here;
Bound on, ye blithe kids, now your gambols may please;
For my shepherd is kind, and my heart is at ease.

Damon:
Ye virgins of Britain, bright rivals of Day
The wish of each heart, and the theme of each lay,
Ne'er yeild to ye Swain, till he make you a wife,
For he who loves truly, will take you for Life.

Laura:
Ye youths, who fear nought but the frowns of the fair,
Tis yours to relieve, not to add to their care.
Then scorn to their ruin assistance to lend,
Nor betray the sweet creature you're born to defend.

Both: [in different handwriting]
For their Honour and Faith be our Virgin's renown'd
Nor false to his vows one young shepherd be found
Be their Moments all guided by Virtue and truth
To Preserve in their Age what they gain'd in their youth.

Transcribed by G. Dooley from Jane Austen's House Museum collection (JAHM 1:04).
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Figured bass. No separate voice part in MS.