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THE FIFTH ODE OF HORACE. LIB. I

John Milton

Milton, John (1608-1674) - English poet and prose writer who is one of the most highly regarded figures in world literature and is widely considered the greatest poet since Shakespeare. Often called the "Puritan Poet," he had many of the good traits of the Puritans as well as many of the bad and spent much of his life immersed in political and religious controversy. The Fifth Ode of Horace.Lib. I (1654) - One of Milton's minor poems. This is a work of translation without rhyme according to the Latin.

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Quis multa gracilis te puer in Rosa, Rendred almost word for word
without

Rhyme according to the Latin Measure, as near as the Language
will permit

What slender Youth bedew'd with liquid odours
Courts thee on Roses in some pleasant Cave,
Pyrrha for whom bind'st thou
In wreaths thy golden Hair,
Plain in thy neatness; O how oft shall he
On Faith and changed Gods complain: and
Seas Rough with black winds and storms
Unwonted shall admire:
Who now enjoys thee credulous, all Gold,
Who alwayes vacant, alwayes amiable
Hopes thee; of flattering gales
Unmindfull. Hapless they
To whom thou untry'd seem'st fair. Me in my vow'd
Picture the sacred wall declares t' have hung
My dank and dropping weeds
To the stern God of Sea.

THE END