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DRAWN AND ETCHED MDCCLX BY I.B.CIPRIANI A TVSCAN FROM A BVST IN PLAISTER
MODELLED FROM THE LIFE NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF THOMAS HOLLIS F.R.AND A.S.S.

CYRIAC THIS THREE YEARS DAY THESE EYES THOUGH CLEAR
TO OVTWARD VIEW OF BLEMISH OR OF SPOT
BEREFT OF LIGHT THEIR SEEING HAVE FORGOT
NOR TO THEIR IDLE ORBS DOTH SIGHT APPEAR
OF SVN OR MOON OR STAR THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
OR MAN OR WOMAN YET I ARGVE NOT
AGAINST HEAV'N'S HAND OR WILL NOR BATE ONE IOT
OF HEART OR HOPE BVT STILL BEAR VP AND STEER
RIGHT ONWARD WHAT SVPPORTS ME DOST THOV ASK
THE CONSCIENCE FRIEND TO HAVE LOST THEM OVER-PLY'D
IN LIBERTIES DEFENCE MY NOBLE TASK
OF WHICH ALL EVROPE RINGS FROM SIDE TO SIDE
THIS THOUGHT MIGHT LEAD ME THROUGH THIS WORLDS VAIN MASK
CONTENT THOUGH BLIND HAD I NO OTHER GVIDE



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