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Address to a Robin

“Come, sweetest of the feather’d throng,
And soothe me with thy plaintive song:
Come to my cot, devoid of fear,
No danger shall await thee here:
No prowling cat, with whisker’d face,
Approaches this sequester’d place:
No schoolboy with his willow bow
Shall aim at thee a murd’rous blow.
No wily lim’d twig ere molest,
Thy olive wing or crimson breast:
Thy cup, sweet bird, I’ll daily fill
At yonder cressy babbling rill.
Thy board shall plenteously be spread
With crumblets of the nicest bread:
And when rude winter comes and shows
His icicles and shivering snows,
Hop o’er my cheering hearth and be
One of my peaceful family.
Then soothe me with thy plaintive song,
Thou sweetest of the feather’d throng.”

—EDWARD JENNER, 1770.
