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*Delight in Disorder*

A SWEET disorder in the dress  
Kindles in clothes a wantonness.  
A lawn about the shoulders thrown  
Into a fair distraction;  
An erring lace which here and there  
Enthralls the crimson stomacher;  
A cuff neglectful, and thereby  
Ribbons to flow confusedly;  
A winning wave, deserving note,  
In the tempestuous petticoat;  
A careless shoestring, in whose tie  
I see a wild civility;  
Do more bewitch me than when art  
Is too precise in every part.