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PALAMON AND ARCITE.

FROM CHAUCER, MODERNIZED BY DRYDEN. *Painted by W. Hamilton, Esq. R.A.*

'Know me for what I am. I broke my chain,  
Nor promis'd I thy prisoner to remain  
The life of liberty with life is given,  
And life itself th'inferior gift of Heaven.  
Thus without crime I fled, but farther know,  
I with this Arcite am thy mortal foe:  
Then give me death, since I thy life pursue,  
For safeguard of thyself, death is my due  
More worldst thou know? I love bright Emily,  
And for her sake, and in her sight, will due.