

72 THE COMPLAINT. ETC.

And all Mankind, in Contradiction strong,  
rueful, aghast! cry out on his Career.

Leave tho thy Foes these Errors, and these Ills;  
to Nature just, their *Cause* and *Cure* explore.

Not short Heav'n's Bounty, boundless our Expend;  
no Niggard, Nature; Men are Prodigals.

\* As bold *Alphonfus* threat'ned in his Pride,  
we throw away our Suns, as made for sport,  
and not to light us, on our way to Scenes  
whose Lustre turns *their* Lustre into Shade.

We *waste*, not *use* our Time; we breathe, not live.

Time *wasted* is Existence, *us'd* is Life.

And *bare Existence*, Man, to *live* ordain'd,  
wings, and oppresses with enormous Weight.

And why? since *Time* was giv'n for *Use*, not *Waste*,  
injoin'd to fly; with Tempest, Tide, and Stars,  
to keep his Speed, nor ever wait for Man;

*Time's*

\* Die folgenden vier Verse sind in den letzten Ausgaben weggelassen.

\* Alphonfus der Dritte, König von Castilien, der etwa vor 500 Jahren gelebet, hatte eine große Liebe zur Sternkunde, der die gelehrte Welt die von ihm benannten Alphonfischen Tabellen zu danken hat. Der hier angebrachte Gedanke bezieht sich auf dieses Königes