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Tutum semper erit.*

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THE DEDICATION

*Laudataque virtus crescit*

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“Buttons, a farthing a pair!  
Come, who could buy them of me?  
They’re round and sound and pretty,  
And fit for girls of the city.”

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