



The Gentle Shepherd: A Pastoral Comedy (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from The Gentle Shepherd: A Pastoral Comedy In June 1725 appeared the first complete edition, a small 12mo. Volume, now exceedingly scarce, not badly printed, but containing a great many typographical, orthographical, and other errors. It contains only four of the songs in the present edition, viz z - Nos. IX., XL, XVI., and XXII., has only the prose dedication to the Countess of Eglinton, and wants the glossary. A quotation from Spenser on the title-page points distinctly to the origin of the title The Gentle Shepherd. Its text has been taken as the standard for what is considered the best edition of Ramsay s Works - that of 1800, edited by George Chalmers, and several others. The next edition, so far as a considerable revision of the text constitutes such, is the quarto of 1728; but simultaneously, or it may be earlier, there must have been issued a common edition with the additional songs. The success of The Beggars Opera, which appeared in 1727, is said to have induced Ramsay to add the eighteen new songs which now form part of...



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