

## Friendship in Emblem

XXVII. Friendship in Embleme, or the Seal. To my dearest *Lucasia*.

1.

The Hearts thus intermixed speak  
A Love that no bold shock can break:  
For joyn'd and growing both in one,  
Neither can be disturb'd alone.

2.

That means a mutual Knowledge too;  
For what is 't either Heart can doe,  
Which by its panting Centinel  
It does not to the other tell?

3.

That Friendship Hearts so much refines,  
It nothing but it self designs:  
The Hearts are free from lower ends,  
For each point to the other tends.

4.

They flame, 'tis true, and several wayes,  
But still those Flames do so much raise,  
That while to either they incline  
They yet are noble and divine.

5.

From smoke or hurt those Flames are free,  
From grosness or mortality:  
The Heart (like *Moses* Bush presumed)  
Warm'd and enlightned, not consumed.

6.

The Compasses that stand above  
Express this great immortal Love;  
For Friends, like them, can prove this true,  
They are, and yet they are not, two.

7.

And in their posture is exprest  
Friendship's exalted Interest:

Each follows where the other leans,  
And what each does each other means.

8.

And as when one foot does stand fast,  
And t'other circles seeks to cast,  
The steady part does regulate  
And make the Wandrer's motion straight:

9.

So Friends are onely two in this,  
T'reclaim each other when they miss;  
For whosoe're will grosly fall,  
Can never be a Friend at all.

10.

And as that useful Instrument  
For Even lines was ever meant;  
So Friendship from good Angels springs,  
To teach the world Heroick things.

11.

As these are found out in design  
To rule and measure every Line;  
So Friendship governs actions best,  
Prescribing unto all the rest.

12.

And as in Nature nothing's set  
So just as Lines in Number met;  
So Compasses for these b'ing made,  
Do Friendship's harmony persuade.

13.

And like to them, so Friends may own  
Extension, not Division:  
Their Points, like Bodies, separate;  
But Head, like Souls, knows no such fate.

14.

And as each part so well is knit,  
That their Embraces ever fit:  
So Friends are such by destiny,

And no third can the place supply.

15.

There needs no Motto to the Seal:  
But that we may the mind reveal  
To the dull Eye, it was thought fit  
That *Friendship* onely should be writ.

16.

But as there are Degrees of bliss,  
So there's no Friendship meant by this,  
But such as will transmit to Fame  
*Lucasia* and *Orinda's* name.