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Quassi Andante.

na\_ture with a match\_ess hand, sends forth her no\_bly born, And



laughs the paltry at — tri\_butes of wealth and rank to scorn; She

moulds, with care a spir\_it rare, half hu\_man, half di\_vine, And

cries ex\_ult\_ing, who can make a gen\_tle-man like mine?

Natures fine old Gentleman.



Should for\_tune pour her wel\_come store, And

use\_full gold a bound, He shares it with a boun\_teos hand And

scat\_ters blessings round, The trea\_sure sent is right\_ly spent, And

serves the end de\_sign'd, When held by na\_tures Gen\_tle\_men, the

Natures fine old Gentleman.



good, the just, the kind.

He turns not from the cheer less home, where

sor-rows of spring dwell; Hell grett the Peasant in his hut—the

Cul-prit in his cell, He stays to hear the Wi-dow's plaint of

Natures fine old Gentleman.



deep and mourning love, He seeks to aid her lot be-low, and

prompts her faith a-bove.

## 4

He wounds no breast with jeer, or jest, yet bears no honied tongue,  
 He's social with the grey hair'd one, and merry with the young!  
 He gravely shares the Council speech or joins the rustic game,  
 And shines as nature's Gentleman, in every place the same.

## 5

There are some spirits nobly just, unwrap'd by pelf or pride,  
 Great in the calm but greater still when dash'd by adverse tide -  
 They hold the rank no King can give, no station can disgrace,  
 Nature puts forth her Gentleman, and monarch must give place.

## 6

He worships God with inward zeal, and serves him in each deed,  
 He would not blame another's faith, nor have one martyr bleed,  
 Justice and mercy form his code; he puts his trust in heaven,  
 His prayer is, "if the heart mean well, may all else be forgiven".