



Rural Tales, Ballads, and Songs (Dodo Press) (Paperback)

By Robert Bloomfield

Dodo Press, United Kingdom, 2008. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Robert Bloomfield (1766-1823), was an English poet. He was born of a poor family in the village of Honington, Suffolk. He apprenticed at the age of eleven to a farmer, but he was too small and frail for field labour, and four years later he went to London to work for a shoemaker under an elder brother, enduring extreme poverty. The poem that made his reputation was The Farmer s Boy: A Rural Poem (1800). The success of the poem was remarkable, over 25,000 copies being sold in the next two years. Bloomfield s poetry is smooth, correct, and characterised by taste and good feeling, but lacks fire and energy. Of amiable and simple character, he was lacking in self-reliance. Bloomfield s reputation was increased by the appearance of his Rural Tales (1802), News from the Farm (1804), Wild Flowers; or, Pastoral and Local Poetry (1806) and The Banks of the Wye (1811). His Remains in Poetry and Verse appeared in 1824.



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