



Drayton s Relation to the School of Donne, as Revealed in the Shepherds Sirena (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Drayton s Relation to the School of Donne, as Revealed in the Shepherds Sirena In all these respects, the poem appears conventional and without recondite meaning. This, I venture to say, is the view that the average reader would be inclined to take, for the poem has artistic qualities of its own, quite apart from any esoteric meaning. In support of this position one might allege that Drayton is, as a rule, averse to subtle and covert allegories. The Owle, the Man in the M cone, and some allusions in his former eclogues, virtually sum up Drayton s essays in the allegory. An esoteric significance has been suggested, however, by former editors of the poem,³ but no solution of the allegory, if it be such, has ever been attempted. Any conceivable hypothesis, I take it, could not be proved conclusively, for the evidence is so circumstantial that one would become entangled in a throng of mere probabilities. I do not maintain that the solution which I have to offer is the only one. There are, nevertheless, a few facts and much...

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