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## +IMPROVISOS+

DE

+BOCAGE,+

NA SUA MUI PERIGOSA ENFERMIDADE,

DEDICADOS

A SEUS BONS AMIGOS.

*Parve (nec invideo) sine me, Liber, ibis in Urbem: (Hei mihi!) quò Domino non licet ire tuo.*

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LISBOA, NA IMPRESSÃO REGIA.

Anno 1805.

*Por Ordem Superior.*

## +AOS AMIGOS.+

## +SONETO I+

Terno Paz [1], bom Maneschi [2], Aurelio [3] caro,  
Alvares extremoso [4], Almeida humano [5],  
Ferrão [6] prestante, valedor Montano [7],  
Moniz [8], que extráhes teu nome ao Tempo avaro:

Freire [9], Viana [10], Blancheville [11], ó raro,  
Moral thesoiro, que possúe Elmano;  
Sócio de Flóra [12]; e tu de som Thebano  
Ó Cysne [13]! E tu, Cardoso, em letras claro [14]:

Monumento honrador da Humanidade,  
(Se o Fado me sumir da Mórte no Ermo)  
Grata vos deixa cordial Saudade.

Ireis nos versos meus do Globo ao termo,  
Por serdes, com benéfica Piedade,  
Nuncios, Nuncios de hum Deos ao Vate enfermo.

[1] Francisco José da Paz.

[2] João Pedro Maneschi.

[3] Marcos Aurelio Rodrigues.

[4] Antonio José Alvares.

[5] Joaquim Pereira de Almeida.

[6] Prior dos Anjos.

[7] José Ventura Montano.

[8] Nuno Alvares Pereira Moniz.

[9] Gregorio Freire Carneiro.

[10] Gonçalo José Rodrigues Vianna.

[11] Diogo José Blancheville.

[12] O Padre Mestre Fr. José Marianno da Conceição Veloso.

[13] João Vicente Pimentel Maldonado.

[14] O Desembargador do Porto Vicente José Ferreira Cardoso. Devo tambem mencionar honrosamente o Doutor Manoel Joaquim de Oliveira, Medico em Lisboa; o meu amigo Polycarpo, da Rua Nova da Rainha; o Director do Correio Geral; e José Maria de Oliveira, Filho do Administrador dos Seguros do mesmo Correio: todos para comigo instrumentos da Providencia.

*Se estiver nos meus Fados a proxima extincção de meus dias,*

## +EPITAFIO.+

De Elmano eis sobre o mármore sagrado  
A Lyra, em que chorava, ou ria Amores.  
Ser delles, ser das Musas foi seu Fado:  
Honrem-lhe a Lyra Vates, e Amadores.

*Quod licet, inter vos nomen habete meum.*

Ovidio.

## +SONETO II.+

Se o Grande, o que nos Orbes diamantinos  
Tem curvos a seus pés dos Reis os Fados,  
Novamente me dér ver animados  
De modésta Ventura os meus Destinos;

Se acordarem na Lyra os sons Divinos,  
Que dórmem (já da Gloria não lembrados)  
Ao Côro ethéreo, candidos, e alados,  
Honrar com Elle hum Deos ireis, meus hynos.

Mas, da humana Carreira inda no meio,  
Se a débil flor vital sentir murchada  
Por Lei que envôlta na existencia veio;

Co'a mente pelos Ceos toda espraiada,  
Direi, de Eternidade ufano, e cheio:  
«A Deos, ó Mundo! ó Natureza! ó Nada!»

## +SONETO III.+

Pela voz do Trovão Corisco intenso  
Clama, que á Natureza impéra hum Ente,  
Que cinge do áureo Dia o véo ridente,  
Que véste d'atra Noite o manto denso.

Pasmar na Immensidate he crer o Immenso:  
Tudo em nós o requer, o adora, o sente.  
Próvão-te olhos, ouvidos, peito, e mente?  
Numen! Eu oiço, eu olho, eu sinto, eu penso.

Tua Idéa, ó Grão Ser, ó Ser Divino,  
Me he vida, se me dão mortal desmaio  
Males que soffro, e males que imagino.

Nunca Impiedade em mim fez bruto ensaio:  
Sempre (até das Paixões no desatino)  
Tua Clemencia amei, temi teu Raio.

## +SONETO IV.+

Caro a Fébo, a Filinto, a Lysia, á Fama,  
Na Lácia Fonte, e Argiva immerso Alfeno [15],  
Pelas Deosas Irmãas fadado Ismeno [16],  
Em que he Numen Razão, Verdade he flamma:

Canóro Melibêo [17], por quem derrama  
Invéja, e Glória o néctar, e o veneno;  
Filósofo Cantor, meu doce Oleno [18],  
Doce ao Sócio infeliz, que em ais te chama!

Elmiro [19], que de Sóphia o grão Thesoiro  
Revolves, possessór, com mão suprema;  
E outros, que o Téjo honrais, o Vouga, o Doiro [20];

Dai-me que o Léthes sorvedor não tema:  
Por vós comprado ao Tempo em versos de oiro,  
Cysne talvez que sôe á hora extrema.

[15] O Bacharel Domingos Maximiano Torres.

[16] João Vicente Pimentel Maldonado.

[17] Miguel Antonio de Barros.

[18] Nuno Alvares Pereira Moniz.

[19] José Agostinho de Macedo.

[20] Hum dos que honrão o Doiro he Bento Henriques Soares, amigo do chorado João Baptista Junior (Author da nova Castro) amigo, como eu, daquelle, cuja memoria deve saudosamente viver em quanto o Engenho, e a Moral forem dotes de preço. O glorioso ao Vouga he Francisco Joaquim Ringre, que pelo sabor da Antiguidade, que ha nas suas Poesias, e pelo estro que as levanta, merece esta nota.

## +SONETO V.+

Desejo illuso, e vão! Para que traças  
Quadro, que imagens divinaes offrece?  
A terna, ausente Amada me apparece,  
Em Ceo de Amores eclipsando as Graças.

Ante a doce Visão, com que me enlaças,  
(Já murcho, estéril já) meu ser florece;  
Mas súbito Fantasma eis desvanece  
Chusma de encantos, que em teu sonho abraças.

Creado de Cypreste o Desengano,  
O meu nada me agoira... ó dor! mais forte  
Do que em seu gráo supremo o esforço humano!

Chorai, Piedade, e Amor, tão triste sorte,  
Chorai: longe de Anália expira Elmano;  
Os que a Ternura unio desune a Morte.

## +SONETO VI.+

Dura Filosofia audaz forceja  
Por dar-me essencia nova ao pensamento;  
De bronze diz que forre o soffrimento,  
E em brazas, como em flores, manso esteja:

Diz, que, ó Leis de Zenôn [21], por vós me reja;  
Que sabe do alto Systema alto Portento:  
«Os orgãos vivem, morre o sentimento,  
«E mudo, e frio, o coração caleja.»

Mas ah! Mais sabio que Zenôn o Eterno,  
Fonte ás lágrimds deo, deo fonte ao riso:  
Co'a Lei das sensações meu ser govérno.

Se eu folgasse entre o mal que em mim diviso,  
Na mente ousára unir o horror do Inférno

Aos Sóes, de que se esmalta o Paraíso.

[21] Discípulo de Crates, e Fundador do Estoicismo, ou Seita dos Estóicos. Quando o Homem crê visinhar com o seu Nada, (o Nada Universal) as sombras, em que o envolvem, o abafão as suas paixões, se rarefazem, e esvaecem aos lumes da Justiça, e do Desengano: ou já lhe bróte sobrenaturalmente n'alma este fenômeno, ou já porque, evaporado o amor proprio, attente mais nos outros que em si. Eu, talvez nesse estado, ou não longe delle, confessando ingenuamente, que, pela suavidade, e apuro do mérito (nas composições lavradas com mais desvelo, e mais gosto) pelas flores, pelos esmaltes Poéticos de que as ameniza, e formosêa, (em especial as Báchicas) Belmiro está mui sobranceiro aos Engenhos vulgares. A Razão me pede, que lhe honre o mérito; e o Coração, que lhe releve a, talvez, injustiça, com que trabalhou remover-me de hum gráo, havido da Voz pública.

## +SONETO VII.+

Agora que a seu lóbrego Retiro  
Como que a baça Morte me encaminha,  
E o coração, que as ancias lhe adivinha,  
Débil se ensaia no final suspiro:

Musa de Elmano, e Musa de Belmiro,  
Una-se a gloria sua á gloria minha:  
Meu nome aguarentou com voz mesquinha,  
Eu justo ao seu não fui, e a sê-lo aspiro.

Nem tu me esquecerás, Gastão cadente [22],  
Lustroso apar do mim, quando de chófre  
Igneas canções brotei, c'um Deos na mente.

Abri, Verdade, abri teu áureo cófre:  
Isto Elmano extrahio co'a mão tremente  
No sério ponto que illusões não sóffre.

[22] Se a locução, a fantasia, e o rhythmo caracterizão a mente Poética, aponto D. Gastão Coutinho como dorade com estes thesoiros do Espírito. Não sôa, como devêra, (e altamente) o louvor de Thomas Antonio dos Santos, e Silva nos meus talvez ultimos versos, porque em outros, de monção mais Febéa, e já divulgados, lhe tecí elegios, em que a fraterna amizade, que de muito nos liga, nada proferio avêssos á justiça, e ao tom circunspecto do Discernimento.

## +SONETO VIII.+

Não mais, ó Tejo meu, formoso, e brando,  
Á márgem, fértil de gentis verdores,  
Terás d'alta Ulysséa hum dos Cantores,  
[23] Suspiros no áureo metro modulando.

Rindo não mais verá, não mais brincando  
Por entre as Nymphas, e por entre as Flores  
O Côro divinal dos nús Amores,  
Dos Zéfyros azues o affavel Bando.

Co'a fronte já sem myrto, e já sem loiro,  
O arrebata de rôjo a mão da Sôrte  
Ao Clima salutar, e á márgem de oiro.

Ei-lo em Fragas de horror, sem luz, sem nórte;

Sôa daqui, dalli piado Agoiro:  
Sois vós, Desterro etérno, Ermos da Mórte!

[23] *Carmina Pastoris Siculi modulabor avenâ.*

Virgil. Eclog. 10.

## +SONETO IX.+

Nestóreos Dias, que sonhava Elmano,  
Brilhantes de almos gostos, de aurea Sorte,  
Pomposa Fantasia, audaz Transporte,  
As azas cerceai do Orgulho insano.

Plano de hum Numen contradiz meu plano,  
E quer que se esvaeça, e quer que abórte:  
Eis, eis palpita, precursor da Mórte,  
No túmido aneurisma o Desengano.

A Deos, ó Génios que Ulysséa admira:  
(Cantor, que honrastes, honrareis, Cantores)  
Versos, prantos lhe dai, que Elmano expira.

Deixai-lhe a cinza em paz, fataes Amores;  
E vós, do exticto Vate a Campa, e Lyra,  
[24] Virtudes, que exaltou, cobri de flores.

[24] Beneficencia, e Piedade, celebradas no Epicedio ao Marquez d'Angeja.

*Ao Senhor Nuno Alvares Pereira Moniz.*

## +SONETO X.+

Co'a mente juvenil, sublime, alada  
Sabes da térraea Mansão, Mansão profana;  
Introduzes, Moniz, a idéa ufana  
Lá na de Sóes sem conto Estancia ornada.

Já, de Lysia cantando a Historia honrada,  
Sôas qual Grega Musa, ou qual Romana;  
Já, medrando nos Céos a força humana,  
Teu Metro creador faz Ente o Nada.

Nove Deosas louçãas, tres Deosas nuas  
Te abrem thesoiros: cada qual te admira  
No verso graças mil, que fôrão suas.

Assás luzio teu Estro: a mais aspira;  
E estranho não será que substituas  
A tuba de Marão de Flacco á Lyra.

Quero (se meus dias findarem) deixar huma prova do muito em que tive, do muito que merecem os talentos de hum dos meus mais caros Amigos.

*Ao súbito desastre de hum Poeta amado da Nação.*

### +SONETO XI.+

Cantor, que a fronte erguia engrinaldada  
Comvosco, Idálias crôas: myrto, e rósas,  
Que vio por mão das Tágides formósas  
De aljôfares a Lyra, e de oiro ornada;

Mente, de ethéreos Dons abrillhantada,  
Que, sólta em producções louçãas, pompósas,  
Surgio, voou com azas luminosas  
Ante o Bando que vai de rôjo ao Nada;

Estro, opulento do Febêo Thesoiro,  
(Já dos épicos Sons talvez no ensaio)  
Ouvio sahir das trévas triste agoiro.

Seu Fado o fulminou, bateo-lhe o raio  
Á Sombra tua... ai dor! Lá mesmo, ó Loiro:  
Chorai-o, Amores, Tágides, chorai-o.

De Author anónymo; porém que he facil conhecer pelo estilo.

*Votos pelo restabelecimento da saude de Bocage.*

### +SONETO XII.+

Não mais, Nynfas gentis do Téjo undoso,  
Pungidas de alta dor, vagueis insanias:  
Croai-vos de floridas espadanas,  
Ou de grinaldas de coral ramoso.

Já não rechinão do arco sanguinoso  
D'atroz Doença as séttas inhumanas  
Contra o Cysne que as ondas Tagitanas  
Enfrêa com o Carmen portentoso.

Serpes da Inveja, Serpes agoireiras,  
Emmudecei, que a válida Saude  
Assoma, entre Esperanças lisonjeiras.

Vem, bella Deosa, ao Vate Elmano acude,  
Que eu grato forjarei nestas Ribeiras  
Hymnos, batidos na Thebana incude.

*Pelo Bacharel Domingos Maximiano Torres.*

### +SONETO XIII.+

Se as arduas Leis da sãa Filosofia  
Sacra Egíde não são contra a Desgraça,  
Então em que desdiz a humana Raça  
Das outras, que Razão não alumia?

Seus venenos distille a Tyrannia,  
Raivoso o Fado em raios se desfaça:  
Alma, que o lume da Razão repassa,  
Sórve tranquilla o néctar d'Alegria.

Quando a Ventura ao pensamento acóde,  
E não próva revezes o Desejo,  
Embates d'Afflição qualquer sacóde.

Aos males na constancia ser sobejo  
A poucos dado foi; Elmano o pôde:  
Dá, que hum novo troféo gloríe o Téjo.

*Moniz.*

*Ao Senhor Manoel Maria de Barbosa du Bocage, em resposta ao Soneto pag. 6., pelos mesmos coasoantes.*

**+SONETO XIV.+**

Em teu Genio s'inflamma fogo intenso,  
Brilhante emanação d'un Deos, d'un Ente,  
Que as Estrellas, a Lua, o Sol ridente  
N'um dia fez surgir do Cháos denso:

Teu extasis t'eleva a Espaço immenso,  
Sentes impulsos, que o Mortal não sente;  
Eis lúcido clarão te abraza a mente,  
E o Ser encaras, por quem vivo, e penso.

Pasmado, absôrto no fulgor Divino,  
Repassado de atónito desmaio,  
Ant'o Solio do Eterno t'imagino:

Acordas, e do Canto em novo ensaio  
Dos Athêos aviltando o desatino,  
Louvas hum Deos, e tremes do seu raio.

*Por J. A. Soares.*

*Ao senhor João Pedro Maneschi, por occasião do incendio em que perdeo todos os seus bens.*

**+SONETO XV.+**

Nos puros Lares teus assoma, irado,  
Vulcano em ondas de indomavel chamma;  
Impetuoso cresce, horrivel brama:  
Parece accezo pela mão do Fado!

Em ferventes vorágens desmandado,  
Tudo afêa, ennegrece, abraza, inflamma,  
E em cinza inutil, súbito, derrama  
Teus merecidos bens, Manéschi honrado.

Mas tu dessa fatal, visivel Péste,  
Dessa, do Inferno imagem devorante,  
O damno, estrago, horror baldar pudéste.

Rico de huma Alma singular, constante,  
Tens, tens tudo: Amizade, que te préste,  
Dó, que te chôre, e Musa, que te cante.

A composiõe deste Soneto he anterior á minha molestia, mas a Gratidão me ordena pô-lo aqui.

*A huma Donzella de estremada Belleza, de rara Virtude, e morta na flor dos annos.*

**+SONETO XVI.+**

De Homens, e Numes suspirado Encanto,  
Lilia, innocent como virgem Rósa,  
Lilia, mais branda, Lilia, mais formosa  
Que a Nynfa ethérea, de puníceo manto:

Eu, e os Amores (que perdêrão tanto)  
Damos-te ás cinzas oblação mimosa:  
Curva goteje minha Dor saudosa  
Na molle offrenda, que requer meu pranto.

Em teu sagrado, perennal Retiro  
Disponho, ao som de lânguidas querelas,  
A rosa, o cravo, a tulipa, o suspiro.

Medrai no chão de Amor, florinhás bellás...  
Ah Lilia! Eu gózo o Ceo!... Lilia! Eu respiro  
Tua alma pura na fragrancia déllas!

Pedio-mo Pessôa, que virtuosamente a amava; e a mágoa do assumpto, apurada na tristeza da minha situação, deo hum Soneto, que talvez penhore os corações ternos.

*Na gravissima enfermidade do Senhor Manoel Maria de Barbosa du Bocage.*

**+SONETO XVII.+**

Elmano! Elmano! Os que te ouvírão rindo,  
Penhas, e Montes, que teu Metro alçava,  
Clamar faz hoje a Dôr, que em pranto os lava,  
E, mais que todos, o Permesso, e Pindo.

Bosques, Paizagens, que teu verso lindo  
Em dobro enriquecêo, teu mal agrava:  
Chorão-te Graças, Nynfas, que elle honrava,  
O niveo rosto com as mãos cobrindo.

Inda, Cysne do Téjo, inda teu Canto,  
Bem que rouco, s'escuta; e em desconsolo  
Já das Musas te chora o Côro santo.

Quando não ergas o mellífluo collo,  
Quem restará chorar-te? Hum Deos em pranto  
Se ha de então vêr, chorando o mesmo Apollo.

*Por Thomaz Antonio dos Santos, e Silva.*

*Em resposta ao antecedente: Elmano a Tomino.*

**+SONETO XVIII.+**

Vapor doirando, que me afuma os Lares,  
(Porque a Morte os bafeja de contino)  
Sôlto de ti relampago divino,  
[25] Milton de Lysia, alumiou meus ares.

O bem d'ouvir-te, o bem de me chorares

Quasi que irmana desigual Destino:  
«Tu de assombros Cantor, (Fébo, ou Tomino)  
«Eu Ave, eu órgão de pavor, de azares.»

Níveo matiz d'auriferas aréas [26],  
Cysne qual Jove outr'ora [27], e que no alado  
Extasi aos Céos a melodia altéas!

Vóz, de que adóro o cântico sagrado,  
Vóz, que a dor minha, o Fado meu prantéas!  
Dá-me teus sons, e cantarei meu Fado. [28]

[25] Pelo estro, e pela cegueira.

[26] As do Téjo.

[27] Quando se tornou Cysne por Leda.

[28] Porque então a gloria compensa-me a fortuna.

Apesar do que digo a pag. 10, sempre tive occasião de honrar o meu insigne Compatriota.

## +SONETO XIX.+

Genio mordaz, que o Mérito golpêa,  
Nadando em ondas de sulfúrea chamma,  
Leva de rôjo a Musa que do Gama  
Cantou prodigos mil, de gloria chêa.

Sem luz o Triste, e sôfrego da alhêa,  
Razões fallaces imagina, e trama;  
Porém, risonha, não desmaia a Fama  
Q'entre os Luzeiros immortaes vaguêa:

Não eu assim, que, atónito, e curvado,  
Teus sons adóro, magestoso Elmano,  
Pelos Salões Febêos extasiado!

Vate, crêdor do Século Romano!  
Digno Daquelle, a cuja sombra, e lado  
Cantava outr'ora o Cysne Mantuano!

*Por D. Gastão Fausto da Camara Coutinho.*

## +SONETO XX.+

Se na que, mórla, e lúgubre, murmura,  
Corrente Avérna, como as sombras densa,  
Dér quéda enórme a sôfrega Doença  
Que á vida quer sorver-me a fonte impura:

De eleitos Vegetaes sagaz mistura  
Não foi rígido estôrvo á Morte infensa:  
Só pôde aos olhos meus Virtude immensa  
A do Horror ferrolhar Morada escura.

Arde, ó Estro! Fulmina o Monstro humano,

Que origem vil ao Mundo, a si presume,  
E á Causa divinal repugna, insano.

Salvè, Principio d'Alma, ethéreo Lume!...  
Se hun Deos não fôra, que seria Elmano!  
Existe o Vate por que existe o Nume.

**+FIM.+**

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