

If my complaints
First Booke of Songes, 1597
Piano part based on ATB voice parts

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Voice

Piano

If my complaints could pass - i-ons move, or make love
my passions were e - nough to prove, that my de -

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see wherein I su-ffer wrong: O love I live and dye in
spayres had go-vernd me too long, thy wounds do fresh - ly bleed in

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thee thy grieve in my deepe sighs still speakes, yet thou doest
mee my hart for thy un - kind - ness breaks, thou saist thou

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hope when I de - spaire, and when I hope thou makst me hope in vaine.
canst my harmes re - paire, yet for re-dresse thou letst me still com-plaine.

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¹Lute part has F# here. Take your pick.

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Can love be rich and yet I want?

Is love my judge and yet am I condemn'd?

Thou plenty hast, yet me dost scant,

Thou made a god, and yet thy power contemn'd

That I do live it is thy power,

That I desire it is thy worth,

If love doth make men's lives too sour,

Let me not love, nor live henceforth.

Die shall my hopes, but not my faith

That you that of my fall may hearers be

May hear despair which truly saith,

I was more true to love, than love to me.