

# If my complaints

First Booke of Songes, 1597

Piano part based on ATB voice parts

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Voice

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

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see wherein I suffer 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 mee thy grieve in my hart for thy deepe sighs still speakes, yet thou doest  
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, <sup>1</sup>yet for re-dresse thou letst me still com-plaine.

<sup>1</sup>Lute part has F# here. Take your pick.

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.