

Can She Excuse My Wrongs

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Cold love is like two words writ - ten on
If she will yield to that which rea - son
Dear make me hap - py still by grant - ing

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stand, thou may'st be ab - us'd if thy sight be dim.
sand, or two bub-bles which on the wa - ter swim.
is, It is rea-sons will that love should be just,
this Or cut of de - lays if that die I must.

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Wilt thou be thus ab - u - sed still, see - ing that she will
Bet - ter a thou - sand times to die Than for to live thus

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right thee ne - ver if thou canst not or
still tor - men - ted, Dear but re - mem - ber

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still tor - men - ted, Dear but re - mem - ber

she will right thee ne - ver if thou canst not or
live thus still tor - men - ted, Dear but re - mem - ber

right thee ne - ver if thou canst not or
still tor - men - ted, Dear but re - mem - ber

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come her will, thy love will be thus fruit - less e - ver.
it was I Who for thy sake did die con - ten - ted.

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