

SINCE FIRST I SAW YOUR FACE

Thomas Ford (c. 1580–1648)

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1. Since first I saw your face I re-solv'd To hon - or and re - nown__ ye;
 2. If I ad - mire or praise you too much, That fault you may for - give__ me.
 3. The sun whose beams most glo - ri - ous are, Re - ject - eth no be - hold - er;

cresc. *pp*

If now I be dis - dain'd, I wish my heart had nev - er known__ ye.
 Or if my hands had stray'd but a touch, Then just - ly might you leave__ me.
 And your sweet beau - ty, past com - pare, Made my poor eyes the bold - er.

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No, no, no, no, no, my heart is fast And can - not dis - en - tan - gle
 No, no, no, no, no, I'll love you still What for - tune e'er be - tide me.
 There, O there, O there! where-e'er I go, I leave my heart be - hind me.