

Deare if I with guile

The Third and Fourth Booke of Ayres (1617)

Thomas Campion (1567 - 1620)

Deare if I with guile would guild a true in - tent, Heap - ing flat - tries that__

in heart__ were_ ne - ver meant. Ease - ly could I then_ ob - taine what now in vaine I

force. False - hood much__ doth gaine, Truth yet holds the bet - ter__ course.

2. Love forbid that through dissembling I should thrive,
Or in praying you, my selfe of truth deprive:
Let not your high thoughts debase
A simple truth in me;
Great is beauties grace,
Truth is yet as fayre as shee.

3. Prayse is but the winde of pride if it exceeds,
Wealth pris'd in it selfe no outward value needes.
Fayre you are, and passing fayre,
You know it, and 'tis true,
Yet let none despayre
But to finde as fayre as you.