

O grieve, O spight

The Third and Fourth Booke of Ayres (1617)

Thomas Campion (1567 - 1620)

O Griefe, O spight, to see poore Ver - tue scorn'd Truth far ex -

il'd, False arte lov'd: Vice_a - dor'd, Free Iust - ice sold, worst cau - ses

best a - dorn'd, Right cast by Powre, Pit - tie in vaine im - plor'd! O who in

such an_age could wish to live, When none can have or hold but such as give?

2. O times! O men! to Nature rebels growne;
Poore in desert; in name rich; proud of shame;
Wise, but in ill: your stiles are not your owne,
Though dearely bought, honour is honest fame.
Old Stories onely goodnesse now containe,
And the true wisdom, that is iust, and plaine.