

Every Dame affects good fame

The Third and Fourth Booke of Ayres (1617)

Thomas Campion (1567 - 1620)

Ev' - ry Dame af - fects good fame, what ere her do - ings be: But true prayse is
Bor - row'd guise fits not the wife, a sim - ple look is best: Na - tive grace be -

6 Ver - tues_Baves, which none may weare but she. Now such new-found toyes are sold these
comes a___ face, though ne'er so rude - ly drest.

11 wo-men to___ dis - guise, That be-fore the yeare growes_old the new - est_ fa - shion dyes.

2. Dames of yore contended more in goodnesse to exceede,
Then in pride to be envi'd for that which least they neede:
Litle Lawne then serv'd the Pawne, if Pawne at all there were;
Home-supn thread, and household bread then held out all the yeare:
But th'attyres of women now weare out both house and land,
That the wives in silkes may flow at ebbe the Good-men stand.

3. Once agen Astrea then from heav'n to earth descend,
And vouchsafe in their behalfe these errours to amend:
Aid from heav'n must make all eev'n, things are so out of frame;
For let man strive all he can, hee needes must please his Dame.
Happy man content that gives, and what hee gives enioyes;
Happy Dame content that lives, and breakes no sleepe for toyes.