

What is it all that men possesse?

The Third and Fourth Booke of Ayres (1617)

Thomas Campion (1567 - 1620)

What is it all that men possesse among themselves con - ver - sing?

Wealth or fame, or some such boast, scarce wor - thy the re - hear - sing.
Wo - men one - ly are mens good with them in love con - ver - sing.

2. If weary, they prepare us rest; if sicke, their hand attends us.
When we grieve our hearts are prest, their comfort best befriends us:
Sweet or sowre they willing goe to share what fortune sends us.

3. What pretty babes with paine they beare our name & form presenting?
What we get, how wise they keepe, by sparing, wants preventing;
Sorting all their household cares to our observ'd contenting.

4. All this of whole large use I sing, in two words is expressed;
Good wife is the good I praise, if by good men possessed.
Bad with bad in ill sute well, but good with good live blessed.