

Wise men patience never want

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THE POOR MAN'S PRAYER

Wise men pat - ience ne - ver want, Good men pit - ty can - not hide.
 Fee - ble spi - rits one - ly want Of re - venge the poor - est pride.

Hee a - lone for - give that can Beares the true soule of a man.

2. Some there are debate that seeke
Making trouble their content,
Happy if they wrong the meeke,
Vexe them that to peace are bent;
Such undooe the common tye
Of mankinde, societie.

3. Kindnesse growne is, lately, colde,
Conscience hath forgot her part:
Blessed times were knowne of old,
Long ere Law became an Art.
Shame deterr'd, not Statutes then,
Honest love was law to men.

4. Deeds from love and words that flowe
Foster like kinde Aprill showres;
In the warme Sunne all things grow,
Wholsome fruits and pleasant flowres.
All so thrives his gentle rayes,
Where on humane love displayes.