

# When Phoebus first did Daphne love John Dowland

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When Phoebus first did Daphne love And no means might her  
If maidens then shall chance be sped Ere they can scarcely

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fav- our move, He crav'd the cause; The cause, quoth she, Is I have  
dress their head, Yet par- don them, for they be loath To make good

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vow'd vir- gi- ni- ty. Then in a rage he swear and said:  
Phoe- bus break his oath. And bet- ter 'twere a child were born

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Past fif- teen none, none but one should live a maid.  
Than that a god, that a god should be for- sworn.