

# If my complaints could passions move

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If my complaints could passions move,  
Or make Love see wherein I suffer wrong:  
My passions were enough to prove,  
That my despairs had govern'd me too long.  
O Love, I live and die in thee,  
Thy grief in my deep sighs still speaks:  
Thy wounds do freshly bleed in me,  
My heart for thy unkindness breaks:  
Yet thou dost hope when I despair,  
And when I hope, thou mak'st me hope in vain.  
Thou say'st thou canst my harms repair,  
Yet for redress, thou let'st me still complain.

Can Love be rich, and yet I want?  
Is Love my judge, and yet I am condemn'd?  
Thou plenty hast, yet me dost scant:  
Thou made a God, and yet thy power contemn'd.  
That I do live, it is thy power:  
That I desire it is thy worth:  
If Love doth make men's lives too sour,  
Let me not love, nor live henceforth.  
Die shall my hopes, but not my faith,  
That you that of my fall may hearers be  
May here despair, which truly saith,  
I was more true to Love than Love to me

Cantus

Altus

Tenor

Bassus

If my com - plaints could pas - sions move,  
 my pas - sions were e - nough to prove,

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If my com - plaints could pas - sions move, could pas - sions move, or  
 my pas - sions were e - nough to prove, e - nough to prove, that

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 my pas - sions were e - nough to prove, that

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or make love see where - in I suf - fer wrong,  
 that my des - pairs had go - vern'd me too long.

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 that my des - pairs had go - vern'd me too long.

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make love see where - in I suf - fer wrong,  
 my des - pairs had go - vern'd me too long.

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O love I live and die in thee,  
 thy wounds do fresh - ly bleed in me,

O love I live I live and die in thee,  
 thy wounds do fresh ly, fresh - ly bleed in me,

O love I live and die, I live and die in thee,  
 thy wounds do fresh - ly bleed, do fresh - ly bleed in me,

O love I live and die in thee,  
 thy wounds do fresh - ly bleed in me,

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C thy grief in my deep sighs still speaks,  
my heart for thy un-kind - ness breaks,

A thy grief in my deep sighs, deep sighs still speaks,  
my heart for thy un-kind-, un-kind - ness breaks,

T thy grief in my deep sighs deep sighs still speaks,  
my heart for thy un-kind-, - un-kind - ness breaks,

B thy grief, thy grief in my deep sighs still speaks,  
my heart, my heart for thy un-kind - ness breaks,

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C yet thou dost hope when I de - spair,  
thou say'st thou canst my harms re - pair,

A yet thou dost hope, dost hope when I de - spair,  
thou say'st thou canst, thou canst my harms re - pair,

T yet thou dost hope when I de - spair,  
thou say'st thou canst my harms re - pair,

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C and when I hope thou mak'st me hope in vain.  
yet for re - dress thou letst me still com - plain.

A and when I hope thou mak'st, thou mak'st me hope in vain.  
yet for re - dress thou letst, thou letst me still com - plain.

T and when I hope thou mak'st me hope in vain.  
yet for re - dress thou letst me still com - plain.

B and when I hope thou mak'st, thou mak'st me hope in vain.  
yet for re - dress thou letst, thou letst me still com - plain.

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C Can love be rich and yet I want,  
Thou plen - ty hast yet me dast\_ scant,

A Can love be rich and yet I want,  
Thou plen - ty hast yet me dast\_ scant,

T 8 Can love be rich and yet I want, and yet I want, is  
Thou plen - ty hast yet me dast scant, yet me dast scant, thou

B Can love be rich and yet yet me I want, is  
Thou plen - ty hast yet me dast scant, thou

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C is love my judge and yet yet I am con - demn'd?  
thou made a god and yet thy power con - temn'd.

A is love my judge and yet yet I am con - demn'd?  
thou made a god and yet thy power con - temn'd.

T 8 love made my judge and yet yet I am con - demn'd?  
made a god and yet thy power con - temn'd.

B love made my judge and yet yet I am con - demn'd?  
made a god and yet thy power con - temn'd.

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C That I do live it is thy power.  
If love doth make men's\_ lives too sour.

A That I do live, do live it is thy power.  
If love doth make, doth make men's lives too sour.

T 8 That I do live, that I do live it is thy power.  
If love doth make men's lives, doth makemen'slives too sour.

B That I do live it is thy power.  
If love doth make men's lives too sour.

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C that I de - sire love it is thy worth  
let me not love nor live hence - forth

A that I de - sire love, it is, it is thy worth  
let me not love, nor live hence - forth

T that I de - sire love, it is it is thy worth  
let me not love, nor live hence - forth

B that I de - sire love, it is it is thy worth  
let me not love, nor live hence - forth

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C Die shall my hopes, but not my faith  
May hear des - pair which tru - ly saith

A Die shall my hopes, but not my faith  
May hear des - pair which tru - ly saith

T Die shall my hopes, but not my faith  
May hear des - pair which tru - ly saith

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C that you that of my fall may hea - rers be.  
I was more true to love, than love to me.

A that you that of my fall, my fall may hea - rers be.  
I was more true to love, to love, than love to me.

T that you that of my fall may hea - rers be.  
I was more true to love, than love to me.

B that you that of my fall, my fall may hea - rers be.  
I was more true to love, to love, than love to me.