Come away, come, sweet love

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The golden morning breaks

All the earth, all the air

Of love and pleasure speaks:

Teach thine arms then to embrace

And sweet

Rosy

Lips to kiss

And mix our souls in mutual bliss

Eyes were made for beauty's grace

Viewing

Rueing

Love's long pain

Procur'd by beauty's rude disdain

Come away, come sweet love

The golden morning wastes

While the sun from his spere

His fiery arrows casts:

Making all the shadows fly

Playing

Staying

In the grove

To entertain the stealth of love

Thither sweet love let us hie

Flying

Dying

In desire

Wing'd with sweet hopes and heav'nly fire

Come away, come sweet love

Do not in vain adorn

Beauty's grace, that should rise

Like to the naked morn:

Lilies on the river's side

And fair

Cyprian

Flow'rs new-blown

Desire no beauties but their own

Ornament is nurse of pride

Pleasure

Measure

Love's delight:

Haste then sweet love our wished flight