

Can she excuse my wrongs?

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1. Can she ex - cuse my wrongs with Vir-tue's cloak? Shall I call her
 2. Are those clear fires which van - ish in - to smoke? Must I praise the
 6. Was I so base, that I might not as - pire Un - to those high
 7. As they are high, so high is my de - sire: If she this de-

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 good when she proves un - kind? 3. No no: where shadows do for
 leaves where no fruit I find? 4. Cold love is like to words writ-
 joys which she holds from me? 8. If she will yield to that which
 ny, what can gran - ted be? 9. Dear make me hap - py still by

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 bo - dies stand Thou may'st be a - bus'd if thy sight be dim
 ten on sand Or to bubb - les which on the wa - ter swim
 rea - son is It is Reason's will that Love should be just
 gran - ting this Or cut off de - lays if that die I must

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 5. Wilt thou be thus ab - us - ed still See - ing that she will right thee ne - ver?
 10. Better a thousand ti - mes to die Than for to live thus still torment - ed:

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 If thou canst not o'er - come her will The love will be thus fruitless e - ver
 Dear, but re - member it was I Who for thy sake did die con - ten - ded