

# Can She Excuse My Wrongs

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1a. Can she ex - cuse my wrongs with vir - tues cloak?  
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5 Shall I call her good when she proves un - kind?  
 Must I praise the leaves where no fruit I find?

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8 Shall I call her good when she proves un - kind?  
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9 No, no, where sha - dows do for bo - dies stand,  
 Cold love is like two words writ - ten on sand,

No, no, where sha - dows do, where sha - dows do for bo - dies stand,  
 Cold love is like two words writ - ten, two words writ - ten on sand,

8 No, no, no where sha - dows do for bo - dies, for bo - dies stand,  
 Cold, cold love is like two words, two words writ - ten on sand,

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 Cold love is like two words writ - ten on sand,

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thou may'st be ab - us'd if thy sight be dim.  
or two bub - bles which on the wa - ter swim.

thou may'st be ab - us'd, ab - us'd if thy sight be dim.  
or two bub - bles which, which on wa - ter, wa - ter swim.

thou may'st be ab - us'd if thy sight, thy sight be dim.  
or two bub - bles which on the wa - ter, wa - ter swim.

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Wilt thou be thus ab - u - sed still, see - ing that she will right thee ne - ver

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if thou canst not o'er - come her will, thy love will be thus fruit less e - ver.

if thou canst not o'er - come her will, thy love will be thus fruit - less e - ver.

ne-ver if thou canst not o'er - come her will, thy love will be thus fruit less e - ver.

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