

Absence, hear thou 10

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Ab- sence hear thou my pro- tes- ta- tion A-
 Who loves a mis- tress of right qua- li- ty His
 My sens- es want their out- ward mo- tion, Which
 By ab- sence this good means I gain: That

15 20
 gainst thy strength, Dis- tance and length. Do what you dare, do what you
 mind hath found Af- fec- tion's ground Be- yond time, place, be- yond time,
 now with- in Rea- son doth win, Re- dou- bled by, re- dou- bled
 I can catch her Where none can watch her In some close cor- ner, in some close

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 dare for al- ter- a- tion. For hearts of tru- est me- tal
 place, and all mor- ta- li- ty. To hearts that can- not va- ry,
 by her se- cret no- tion; Like rich men that take plea- sure
 cor- ner, cor- ner of my brain. There I em- brace and there kiss her,

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 Ab- sence doth join, ab- sence doth join, and Time doth set- tle, and
 Ab- sence is pre- sent, ab- sence is pre- sent, time doth not tar- ry, time
 In hid- ing, more, in hid- ing, more than hand- ling, trea- sure, in
 And so en- joy, and so en- joy and so [I] miss her, and

Time doth hand- doth not ling so doth set- tle. tar- ry. trea- sure. miss her. set- tle. tar- ry. trea- sure. miss her.

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