

# Why presumes thy pride?

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Why pre- sumes thy pride on that that must so pri- vate be?  
 'Tis thy beau- ty, fool- ish maid, that like a blos- som grows,  
 If to one thou shalt prove true and all be- side re- ject,  
 But if for this good- ness thou thy- self wilt com- mon make,  
 Be not then of beau- ty proud, but so her col- ors bear

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Scarce that it can good be called, though it seems best to thee,  
 Which who views no more en- joys than on a bush a rose,  
 Then thou art but one man's good, which yields a poor ef- fect,  
 Thou art then not good at all. So thou canst no way take  
 That they prove not stains to her that them for grace should wear;

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Best of all that Na- ture framed, or cu- rious eye can see?  
 That by ma- ny's hand- ling fades, and thou art one of those.  
 For the common- est good by far de- serves the best re- spect.  
 But to prove the mean- est good, or else all good for- sake.  
 So shalt thou to all more fair than thou wert born ap- pear.