

If my complaints

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If my complaints could passions move,
Or make Love see wherein
Can love be rich, and yet I want?
Is Love my judge and yet

I suf- fer wrong,
My pas- sions were e- nough to prove
am I con- demn'd?
Thou plen- ty hast, yet me dost scant;

That my des- pairs had gov- ern'd me too long.
O Love, I live and
Thou made a god, and yet thy pow'r con- temn'd.
That I do live, it

die in thee;
Thy grief in my deep sighs still speaks;
is thy power;
That I de-
sire, it is thy worth.

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Thy wounds do fresh- ly bleed in me; My heart for
If Love doth make men's lives too sour Let me not

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thy love un-kind- ness breaks. Yet thou dost hope when I des- pair,
nor live hence- forth. Die shall my hopes, but not my faith

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And when I hope thou mak'st me hope in vain. Thou say'st thou canst my
That you, that of my fall may hear- ers be, May here des- pair, which

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harms re- pair, Yet for re- dress thou let'st me still com- plain.
tru- ly saith I was more true to Love than Love to me.

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