

16. Down a down

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Canto

Down a down, down a down. Thus Phyl-lis sung, by fan-cy once op-

Lute

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pres-ed. Who so by fool-ish love are stung, are wor-thi- ly dis-tress-ed. And so sing

I, and so sing I. With a down, with a down, with a down, with a down

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a down a down. When Love was first be- got and by the moth-er's
But dur-ing this ac-cord, a won- der strange to

[20] Verse

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will did fall to hu- man lot, his so- lace to ful- fill. De- void of all de-
hear: Whilst love, in deed and word, most faith- ful did ap- pear, falsesem- blance came in

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ceit, a chaste and ho- ly fire did quick- en man's con- ceit and
place, by jeal- ou- sy at- tend- ed, and, with a dou- ble face, both

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wo- men's breast in- spire. The gods that saw the good that mor- tals did ap-
love and fan- cy blen- ded. Which made the gods for- sake, and men from fan- cy

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prove, with kind and ho- ly mood be- gan to talk of love.
fly, and maid- ens scorn a mate (for- sooth), and so will I