

Absence, hear thou

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Ab- sence, hear thou my
Who loves a mis- tress
My sens- es want their
By ab- sence this good

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pro- tes- ta- tion A- gainst thy strength, Dis- tance and length.
of right qua- li- ty His mind hath found Af- fec- tion'sground
out- ward mo- tion, Which now with- in Rea- son doth win,
means I gain: That I can catch her Where none can watch her

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Do what you dare, do what you dare for al- ter- a- tion.
Be- yond time, place, be- yond time, place, and all mor- ta- li- ty.
Re- dou- bled by, re- dou- bled by her se- cret no- tion;
In some close cor- ner, in some close cor- ner, cor- ner of my brain.

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For hearts of truest mental
 To hearts that cannot vary,
 Like rich men that take pleasure
 There I embrace and there kiss her,

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Ab-sence doth join, ab-sence doth join, and Time doth
 Ab-sence is pre-sent, ab-sence is pre-sent, time doth not
 In hid-ing, more, in hid-ing, more than hand-ling,
 And so en-joy, and so en-joy and so [I]

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