

Would my conceit

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Would my con- ceit, that first en- forc'd my woe,
 Each hour a- midst the deep of hell I fry,
 To all save me is free to live or die,

Or else mine eyes which still the same
 Each hour I waste and with- er where
 To all save me re- main- eth hap

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- in- crease, Might be ex- tinct, to end
 - I sit: But that sweet hour where- in
 - or hope: But all per- force I must

- my sor- rows so,
 - I wish to die,
 - a- ban- don, I,

Which now are such as
 My hope, a- las, may
 Sith For- tune still di-

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 no- thing can re- lease: Whose life is death, whose
 not en- joy it yet, Whose hope is such, be-
 rects my hap a- slope. Where- fore to nei- ther

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 sweet each change of sour, And
 reav- ed of the bliss, Which
 hap nor hope I trust, But

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 eke whose hell re- new- eth ev'- ry hour.
 un- to all save me al- lot- ed is.
 to my thralls I yield, for so I must.