

Absence, hear thou

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Ab- sence, hear thou my pro- tes- ta- tion A-
 Who loves a mis- tress of right qua- li- ty His
 My sens- es want their out- ward mo- tion, Which
 By ab- sence this good means I gain: That

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gainst thy strength, Dis- tance and length. Do
 mind hath found Af- fec- tion's ground Be-
 now with- in Rea- son doth win, Re-
 I can catch her Where none can watch her In

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what you dare, do what you dare for al- ter- a-
 yond time, place, be- yond time, place, and all mor- ta- li-
 dou- bled by, re- dou- bled by her se- cret no-
 some close cor- ner, in some close cor- ner, cor- ner of my

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For hearts of
To hearts that
Like rich men
There I men em-

tru- est me- tal Ab- sence doth join,
can- not va- ry, Ab- sence is pre- sent,
that take plea- sure In hid- ing, more,
brace and there kiss her, And so en- joy,

ab- sence doth join, and Time doth set- tle, and
ab- sence is pre- sent, time doth not tar- ry, time
in hid- ing, more than hand- ling, trea- sure, in
and so en- joy and so [I] miss her, and

Time doth hand- doth not ling so [I] set- tle. set- tle.
tar- ry. tar- ry.
hand- ling so [I] trea- sure. trea- sure.
miss her. miss her.