

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's ground
 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 tru- est me- tal
 To hearts that can- not va- ry,
 Like rich men that take plea- sure
 There I em- brace 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 trea- sure. trea- sure.
 miss her, and so miss her. miss her.