

Absence, hear thou 10

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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 goodmeans I gain: That

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 gainst thy strength, Dis- tance and length. Do what you dare, do what you  
 mind hath found Af- fec- tion'sground Be- yond time, place, be- yond time,  
 now with- in Rea- son doth win, Re- dou- bled by, re- dou- bled  
 I can catch her Where none can watch her In some close cor- ner, in some close

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 dare for al- ter- a- tion. For hearts of tru- est me- tal  
 place, and all mor- ta- li- ty. To hearts that can- not va- ry,  
 by her se- cret no- tion; Like rich men that take plea- sure  
 cor- ner, cor- ner of my brain. There I em- brace and there kiss her,

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

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