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14. Ayres in Tabletorie to the Lute

1598

8. The hart to rue the pleasure of the eye.

The hart to rue the pleasure of the eye,
The eie to wound the hart with his delight,
What may be said that owe them both hereby,
But both to serue vnto his owne despite :

O saue and win them both by one desert,
Please still the eye, but pittie on the hart.

The eie beholds as much as much may be,
In beauty grace and honour to require,
The hart conceaues more than the eye can see,
And flaies himselfe to feed his wounds desire :

O saue and win them both by one desert,
Please still the eye, but pittie on the hart.