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The Second Booke of Ayres

1612

*4. T'is true, t'is day*

1   T'is true, t'is day, what though it be ?,  
And will you therefore rise from me ?  
What will you rise because tis light ?  
Did we lye downe because twas night ?  
    Loue that in spight of darknesse brought vs hether,  
    In spight of light should keepe vs still together.

2   Light hath no tongue, but is all Eye,  
If it could speake as well as spye,  
This were the worst that I could say,  
That being well I faine would stay.  
    And that I loue my hart and honor so  
    That I would not from him that hath them goe.

3   Ist businesse that doth you remoue ?  
Oh, that's the worst disease of Loue,  
The poore, the foule, the false, loue can  
Admit, but not the busied man :  
    He that hath businesse, and makes loue doth doe,  
    Such wrong as if a marryed man should woe.

John Donne: 'Break of Day' (Songs and Sonnets, 1633)