

# John Dowland

## A Pilgrimes Solace

1612

### 3. To aske for all thy loue.

To aske for loue, and thy whole heart t'were madnesse.  
I doe not sue,  
nor can admit  
(Fairest) from you  
to haue all yet.  
Who giueth all hath nothing to impart, but sanesse.

He that receiueth all, can haue no more then seeing.  
My Loue by length  
of euery houre,  
Gathers new srtlength,  
new growth, new flower.  
You must haue daily new rewards in store still being.

You cannot euery day giue me your heart for merit:  
Yet if you will,  
when yours doth goe,  
You shall haue still  
one to bestow :  
For you shall mine when yours doth part inherit.

Yet if you please, Ile finde a better way, then change them :  
For so alone  
dearest we shall  
Be one and one,  
anothers all.  
Let vs so ioyn our hearts that nothing may estrange them.