

**THE  
FIRST BOOKE**  
*of Songes or Ayres*

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21. Can modest plaine desire.

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Can modest plaine desire,  
To the ioies of loue aspire ?  
Can worthinesse procure more  
Then hardinesse assure ?  
    No no no where feare of each frowne,  
    Takes hopes height downe downe a downe.

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Granting is so eschew'd,  
Least the grant lie vnpursued:  
Least sutors brag they might,  
And account the grantors light:  
    No no no is a weake defence growne,  
    Till force beare downe downe a downe.

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Yet who would staine loues seate,  
With a blot of such a feate:  
Or for so vile a toy,  
Ioine repentance with his ioy.  
    No no no her vertue well knowne,  
    Beates vaine thoughts downe downe a downe.