

# A BOOKE OF AYRES

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## The first Booke

### XIX. Harke all you Ladies.

1

Harke all you Ladies y do sleep  
the Fairie Queene Proserpina  
Bids you awake and pitie them that weep,  
you may doe in the darke  
What the day doth forbid  
feare not the dogs that barke  
Night will haue all hid.

2

But if you let your louers mone,  
the Fairie Queene Proserpina  
Will send abroad her Fairies eu'rie one,  
that shall pinch blacke and blew,  
Your white hands, and faire armes,  
that did not kindly rue  
Your Paramours harmes.

3

In Myrtle Arbours on the downes,  
the Fairie Queene Proserpina  
This night by moone-shine leading merrie rounds,  
holds a watch with sweet loue,  
Downe the dale, vp the hill,  
no plaints or groanes may moue  
Their holy vigill.

4

All you that will hold watch with loue,  
the Fairie Queene Proserpina  
Will make you fairer then Diones doue,  
Roses red, Lillies white,  
And the cleare damaske hue  
shall on your cheekes alight,  
Loue will adorne you.

5

All you that loue, or lou'd before,  
the Fairie Queene Proserpina  
Bids you encrease that louing humour more,  
they that yet haue not fed  
On delight amorous,  
she vowes that they shall lead  
Apes in Auernus. '