

**A
BOOKE OF
AYRES**

Thomas Campion / Philip Rosseter

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The second Booke

XV. If I hope I pine.

If I hope I pine, if I feare I faint and die,
So betweene hope and feare I desp'rat lie,
Looking for ioy to heauen it should come come
But hope is blinde, ioy deafe, and I am dumbe.

Yet I speake and crie, but alas with words of wo,
And ioy conceiues not them that murmure so,
He that the eares of ioy will euer pearse,
Must sing glad noates, or speake in happier verse.