

**A
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The second Booke

XVI. Vnlesse there were consent.

Vnlesse there were consent twixt hell and heauen
That grace and wickednes should be combind,
I cannot make thee and thy beauties euen,
Thy face is heauen, and torture in thy minde,
For more then worldly blisse is in thy eie,
And hellish torture in thy minde doth lie.

A thousand Cherubins flie in her lookes,
And hearts in legions melt vpon their view,
But gorgeous couers wall vp filthie bookes,
Be it sinne to saie that so your eyes do you,
But sure your mind adheres not with your eies,
For what they promise that your heart denies.

But O least I religion should misuse,
Inspire me thou that ought's thy selfe to know,
Since skillesse readers reading do abuse,
What inward meaning outward sence doth show,
For by thy eies and heart chose and contem'd
I wauer whether saued or condemn'd.