

# Thomas Campion

## The Second Booke of Ayres

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1 **Vaine men whose follies** make a God of Loue,  
Whose blindnesse beauty doth immortall deeme,  
Prayse not what you desire, but what you proue,  
Count those things good that are, no those that seeme.  
I cannot call her true that's false to me,  
Nor make of women more then women be.

2 How faire an entrance breakes the way to loue ?  
How rich of golden hope, and gay delight ?  
What hart cannot a modest beauty moue ?  
Who seeing cleare day once will dreame of night ?  
Shee seem'd a Saint that brake her faith with mee,  
But prou'd a woman as all other be.

3 So bitter is their sweet, that true content,  
Vnhappy men in them may neuer finde,  
Ah but without them none; both must consent,  
Else vncouth are the ioyes of eyther kinde.  
Let vs then prayse their good, forget their ill,  
Men must be men, and women women still.