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THE THIRD AND FOURTH BOOKE OF AYRES :

III. Thou ioy'st fond boy

1 Thou ioy'st fond boy to be by many loued :
To haue thy beauty of most dames approued ;
For this dost thou thy natie worth disguise,
And play'st the Sycophant t'obserue their eyes ;
Thy glass thou counsell'st more t'adorne thy skin,
That first should schoole thee to be fayre within.

2 'Tis childish to be caught with Pearle, or Amber,
And woman-like too much to cloy the chamber ;
Youths should the Field affect, heate their rough Steedes,
Their hardned nerues to fit for better deedes.
Is't not more ioy strong Holds to force with swords,
Then womens weakenesse take with lookes or words?

3 Men that doe noble things all purchase glory,
One man for one braue Act hath prou'd a story :
But if that one tenne thousand Dames o'ercame,
Who would record it if not to his shame ?
'Tis farre more conquest with one to liue true
Then euery houre to triumph Lord of new.