

# *Thomas Campion*

## THE T H I R D AND FOVRTH BOOKE OF A Y R E S :

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### **V. Euery Dame affects good fame**

1 Euery Dame affects good fame, what ere her doings be :  
But true prayse is Vertues Bayes, which none may werae but she.  
Borrow'd guise fits not the wise, a simple look is best :  
Natiue grace becomes a face, though ne'er so rudely drest.  
Now such new-found toyes are sold these women to disguise,  
That before the yeare growes old the newest fashion dyes.

2 Dames of yore contended more in goodnesse to exceede,  
Then in pride to be enui'd for that which least they neede :  
Little Lawne then seru'd the Pawne, if Pawne at all there were;  
Home-spun thread, and houshold bread then held out all the yeare :  
But th'attyes of women now weare out both house and land,  
That the wiues in silkes may flow at ebbe the Good-men stand.

3 Once agen *Astrea* then from heau'n to earth descend,  
And vouchsafe in their behalfe these errours to amend :  
Aid from heau'n n.use make all eeu'n, things are so out of frame;  
For let man striue all he can, hee needes must please his Dame.  
Happy man content that giues, and what hee giues enioyes ;  
Happy Dame content that liues, and breakes no sleepe for toyes.