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14. Ayres in Tabletorie to the Lute

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4. Haue I vow'd and must not breake it.

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Fondly vow' d is wisely broken,
Do I loue and dare not speake it ?
Silence doth no loue betoken:
 Thus I bind in this my breaking,
 And I am in silence speaking.

Loue is bound though I seeme free,
Wrapt in deepe affections snare,
Loue I must how so ere it be,
Too late men say doth come beware.
 Then vowe no more sith vowes are vaine,
 Wrapt in deepe affections chayne.