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Songs of Mourning

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TO THE MOST HIGH AND MIGHTY
Prince Charles.

I.

Fortune and Glory may be lost, and woone,
But when the worke of Nature is vndone
 That losse flyes past returning,
 No helpe is left but mourning.
What can to kinde youth more despightfull proue
 Then to be rob' d of one sole Brother ?
 Father and Mother
Aske reuerence, a Brother onely loue :
Like age, and birth, like thoughts, and pleasures moue :
 What gayne can he heape vp though showers of Crownes descend
 Who for that good must change a brother and a friend ?

II.

Follow, O follow yet thy Brothers fame,
But not his fate, lets onely change the name,
 And finde his worth presented
 In thee, by him pruned :
Or past example of the dead be great,
 Out of thy selfe begin thy storie :
 Vertue, and glorie
Are eminent being plac' t in princely seate :
Oh heau' n his age prolong with sacred heate,
 And on his honoured head let all the blessings light
 Which to his brothers life men wish' t, and wisht them right.