

THE
SECOND BOOKE
of Songs or Ayres

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XVIII. Faction that euer dwels in court.

- 1 Faction that euer dwels,
In court where wits excells,
Hath set defiance.
Fortune and loue hath sworne,
That they were neuer borne,
Of one aliance.
- 2 Fortune sweares, weakest harts,
The booke of *Cupids* arts
Turne with hir wheele,
Sences themselues shall proue
Venture hir place in loue
Aske them that feelee.
- 3 This discord it beget
Atheist that honour not
Nature thought good,
Fortune should euer dwell
In court where wits excell
Loue keepe the wood.
- 4 So to the wood went I
With loue to liue and die
Fortune forlorne,
Experience of my youth
Made mee thinke humble truth
In desert borne.
- 5 My saint is deere to mee,
And Ione hir selfe is shee
Ione faier and true,
Ione that doth euer moue,
Passions of loue with loue
Fortune adiew.