

Francis Pilkington

THE FIRST BOOKE OF Songs or Ayres of 4.parts:

1605

XVII. *Diaphenia* like the Dafdowndillie.

Diaphenia like the Dafdowndillie,
White as the Sunne, faire as the Lillie,
 Heigh ho, heigh ho, how I doe loue thee :
I doe loue thee as my Lambs,
Are beloued of their dambs,
 How blest were I if thou wouldst proue mee.

2 *Diaphenia* like the spreading Roses,
That in thy sweetes, all sweetes incloses,
 Faire sweete how I doe loue thee?
I doe loue thee as each flower,
Loues the Sunnes life giuing power,
 For dead, thy breath to life might moue mee.

3 *Diaphenia* like to all things blessed,
When all thy praises are expressed,
 Deare ioy, how I doe loue thee?
As the birds doe loue the spring,
Or the Bees their carefull king,
 Then in requite, sweete virgin loue mee.

Henry Constable, 1562-1613; "Damelus' Song to his *Diaphenia*"