I. Unquiet thoughts

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But what can stay my thoughts they may not start, Or put my tongue in durance for to die? When as these eyes the keys of mouth and heart Open the lock where all my love doth lie; I'll seal them up within their lids forever, So thoughts and words, so thoughts and words and looks shall die together,

How shall I then gaze on my mistress's eyes? My thoughts must have some vent else heart will break, My tongue would rust as in my mouth it lies If eyes and thoughts were free and that not speak. Speak then and tell the passions of desire Which turns my eyes, which turns my eyes to floods, my thoughts to fire.