# Six Songes for My Deare Herte



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1. Song



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#### SONG.

Edmund Waller (1606 -1687)

Go, lovely Rose-Tell her that wastes her time and me, That now she knows, When I resemble her to thee, How sweet and fair she seems to be.

Tell her that 's young, And shuns to have her graces spied, That hadst thou sprung In deserts where no men abide, Thou must have uncommended died.

Small is the worth Of beauty from the light retired: Bid her come forth, Suffer herself to be desired, And not blush so to be admired.

Then die-that she The common fate of all things rare May read in thee; How small a part of time they share That are so wondrous sweet and fair!







## 2. Spring Morning







Love.



#### SPRING MORNING.

John Clare (1793-1864)

The Spring comes in with all her hues and smells, In freshness breathing over hills and dells; O'er woods where May her gorgeous drapery flings, And meads washed fragrant by their laughing springs. Fresh are new opened flowers, untouched and free From the bold rifling of the amorous bee. The happy time of singing birds is come, And Love's lone pilgrimage now finds a home;



# 3. Night



























### NIGHT Anon Text used by Robert Jones in A Musicalle Dream 1609

And is it night? Are they thine eyes that shine?Are we alone and here and here alone?May I come near, may I but touch thy shrine?Is Jealousy asleep and he is gone?O Gods no more, silence my lips with thine,Lips, kisses, joys, hap, blessings most divine.

O come, my dear, our griefs are turn'd to night, And night to joys, night blinds pale Envy's eyes, Silence and sleep prepare us our delight, O cease we then our woes, our griefs, our cries, O vanish words, words do but passions move, O dearest life, joys sweet, O sweetest love.



4. Absence

















ABSENCE Anon circa 1300

Blow, Northern wynd, Send me thou my sweeting, Blow, northern wynd. Blow, blow, blow



5. Amo, Amas

















AMO, AMAS John O'Keefe (1747 -1833)

AMO, amas,

I love a lass As a cedar tall and slender! Sweet cowslips' grace Is her Nominative Case, And she's of the Feminine Gender. Rorum, corum, sunt Divorum! Harum, scarum Divo! Tag rag, merry derry, periwig and hatband, Hic hac, horum Genetivo! Can I decline A Nymph divine? Her voice as a flute is *dulcis*! Her oculi bright! Her *manus* white! And soft, when I tacto, her pulse is! Rorum, corum, sunt Divorum! Harum scarum Divo! Tag rag, merry derry, periwig and hatband, Hic hac, horum Genetivo! O, how *bella* Is my *Puella*! I'll kiss *sæculorum*! If I've luck, Sir! She's my Uxor! O, dies benedictorum! Rorum, corum, sunt Divorum! Harum scarum Divo! Tag rag, merry derry, periwig and hatband, Hic, hac, horum Genetivo!



### 6. Hymn



That these thy lips

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HYMN Anon

Blest, blest and happy he Whose eyes behold her face, But blessed more whose ears hath heard The speeches framed with grace.

And he is half a god That these thy lips may kiss, Yet god all whole that may enjoy Thy body as it is.



