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# Absence, hear thou my protestation

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Tenor

Lute

1. Ab - sence, hear\_\_\_\_ thou my  
2. Who loves a\_\_\_\_ mis - tress  
3. My sen - ses\_\_\_\_ want their  
4. By\_\_\_\_ ab - sence this good

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pro - tes - ta-\_\_\_\_ tion A - gainst thy strength,\_\_\_\_ Dis-\_\_\_\_ tance and  
of such qua - li - ty He soon hath found\_\_\_\_ Af-\_\_\_\_ fec - tion's  
out - ward mo-\_\_\_\_ tions, Which now with - in\_\_\_\_ Rea-\_\_\_\_ son doth  
means I gain,\_\_\_\_ That I can catch her Where\_\_\_\_ none can

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length:\_\_\_\_ Do what thou canst,\_\_\_\_ do what thou canst for al-\_\_\_\_ te -  
ground\_\_\_\_ Be - yond time, place,\_\_\_\_ be-yond time, place, and all\_\_\_\_ mor -  
win,\_\_\_\_ Re - dou - bled in,\_\_\_\_ re - dou - bled in her se-\_\_\_\_ cret  
watch her,\_\_\_\_ in some close cor - ner,\_\_\_\_ in some close cor - ner, cor-\_\_\_\_ ner,

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ra-\_\_\_\_ tion; For hearts of tru - est met -  
ta - li - ty. To hearts that can - not va -  
no\_\_\_\_ tions; Like rich men that take plea -  
of my brain. There I em - brace and there

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tle\_\_\_\_ Ab - sence doth join,\_\_\_\_ ab - sence doth join,\_\_\_\_ and time\_\_\_\_ doth\_\_\_\_  
 ry\_\_\_\_ Ab - sence is pre - sent, ab - sence is pre - sent, time doth\_\_\_\_ not\_\_\_\_  
 sure\_\_\_\_ In hid - ing, more,\_\_\_\_ in hid - ing, more\_\_\_\_ than hand-\_\_\_\_ ling,\_\_\_\_  
 kiss her, and so en - joy,\_\_\_\_ and so en - joy\_\_\_\_ and so\_\_\_\_\_

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set - tle, and\_\_\_\_ time\_\_\_\_ doth\_\_\_\_ set - tle.  
 tar - ry, time\_\_\_\_ doth\_\_\_\_ not\_\_\_\_ tar - ry.  
 trea-sure, than\_\_\_\_ hand-\_\_\_\_ ling,\_\_\_\_ trea-sure.  
 miss her, and\_\_\_\_ so\_\_\_\_ miss her.

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For hearts of tru - est met - tle\_\_\_\_ Ab - sence doth join,\_\_\_\_ ab - sence doth  
 To hearts that can - not va - ry.\_\_\_\_ Ab - sence is pre - sent, ab - sence is  
 Like rich men that take plea - sure\_\_\_\_ In hid - ing, more,\_\_\_\_ in hid - ing,  
 There I em - brace and there kiss her, and so en - joy,\_\_\_\_ and so en -

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join,\_\_\_\_ and time\_\_\_\_ doth\_\_\_\_ set - tle, and\_\_\_\_ time\_\_\_\_ doth\_\_\_\_ set - tle.  
 pre - sent, time doth\_\_\_\_ not\_\_\_\_ tar - ry, time\_\_\_\_ doth\_\_\_\_ not\_\_\_\_ tar - ry.  
 more\_\_\_\_ than hand-\_\_\_\_ ling,\_\_\_\_ trea - sure, than\_\_\_\_ hand-\_\_\_\_ ling,\_\_\_\_ trea - sure.  
 joy\_\_\_\_ and so\_\_\_\_ miss her, and\_\_\_\_ so\_\_\_\_ miss her.