Berhaps flame here to epondento 154) This recollection of Jormen dove a grelade to greater tests to come Di- greats alter life - 1618 archestral quality. ty this is the give with SONNET 115. 5 But reckoning Time but when I consider Time. whose

million'd accidents whose passing events are numbered by the millions. 6 Creep in 'twixt interfere with. 7 Tan take the freshness of youth from. blunt turn aside. 8 Divert strong . . . alt'ring things turn determined minds away from their purposes and cause them to accept things as they change. 11 o'er incertainty beyond the possibility of doubt. 12 Crowning glorifying. doubting of the rest doubting whether the future could ever equal the present. 13-14 Then might . . . doth grow at that time I could not say "Now I love you best," for that would have been to treat as fully mature a love which, like a baby, was continually growing. ,

Connaugur (1599 pole

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Could Babe

Blown ( Christ .) put down rising in

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Those lines that I before have writ do lie,

Yet then my judgment knew no reason why

My most full flame should afterwards burn clearer.

Divert strong minds to th' course of alt'ring things -

But reckoning Time, whose million'd accidents

Creep in 'twixt vows and change decrees of kings,

Tan sacred beauty, blund the sharp'st intents,

Might I not then say "Now I love you best"

Love is a babe.) Then might I not say so,

To give full growth to that which still doth grow.

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Crowning the present, doubting of the rest?

Let me not to the marriage of true minds )

Which alters when it alteration finds

That looks on tompests and is never shaken; , Sul

Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks

Within his bending sickle's compass come.

But bears it out even to the edge of doom.

If this be error, and upon me proved,) I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,

Whose worth's unknown, although his height be Noticity

Or bends with the remover to remove.

It is the star to every wand'ring bark,

'O, no! it is an ever fixed mark

taken.

Admit impediments. Love is not love

Alas, why, fearing of Time's tyranny,

When I was certain o'er incertainty,

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Even those that said I could not love you dearer the nix Mary

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SONNET 116. I marriage . . . minds the perfect union of faithful minds. The poet is presenting a definition of perfect friendship. 2 impediments There is an echo of the marriage service in the Book of Common Prayer: "If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in holy matrimony, ye are to declare it." 3 alteration (a) infidelity (b) impairment of beauty by the ravages of time. 4 bends . . . remove inclines to stop loving when the loved person is unfaithful. 5 mark sea-mark. 7 wand'ring bark lost ship. 8 Whose worth's unknown whose value is so great that it cannot be calculated. his height be taken its (the star's) altitude be measured (as with a sextant). 9 Time's fool subservient to and controlled by Time. 10 Within . . . come come within (and are thus mowed down by) the sweep of Time's curved scythe. 11 his Time's. 12 bears it out endures defiantly. doom doomsday. 13-14 If this . . . ever loved if what I have just said about love is wrong and my error is demonstrated by my own case, then I have never written anything and no man's love has ever been real love.

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