

Reckers like Fisher's
defense of trial
of Cath. denial
of his sign.
sugary King
'29

1575

maybe joins old records
& disputes of virginity
with more recent
scandals - Cath. & E. -

SONNET 123. 2 pyramids obelisks, memorial columns. Various attempts have been made to identify the specific memorials referred to and thus to date the sonnet. Some suggestions include those brought to Rome by Pope Sixtus V around 1585 and those erected to celebrate the entry of King James I into London on March 15, 1604. 4 dressings . . . sight imitations of what has been seen before. 5 dates lives. admire wonder at. 6 foist . . . old pass off on us as new that is really old. 7 make . . . desire regard them as newly created to our taste. 9 registers historical records. 11 thy records . . . doth lie both the records of the past and what we see in the present misrepresent reality. 12 Made more . . . continual haste appearing either disproportionately large or small because of the rapidity with which you (Time) move. 14 true faithful.

23 was more & Parliament

+ E's wish to have
acting monarch

"It is not in your power
to great a friend as you are,
to make me love you less."
1574

114 = 6 = 1606?

Henry Gerard
Suz. of
Gesslets
broed -
Gunpowder
Plot
complicity
105-Plot

SONNET 124. 1 dear love sincere passion (for his friend). the child of state controlled by either (a) political circumstances or (b) the wealth and position of the loved one. 2 for . . . unfather'd as merely the bastard of Fortune be without a real father. 3-4 As subject . . . flowers gather'd If his love were merely the bastard of Fortune, the poet is saying, it would be subject to Time's whims, a weed among weeds when Time hated it or a flower among flowers when Time loved it. 5 accident chance occurrence. 6 suffers not does not deteriorate. 7 thrall'd oppressive. 8 Whereto . . . calls to which the temptations of our time expose us all. 9 Policy political cunning, expediency. 10 Which works . . . hours which operates only in terms of short-range considerations (whereas love is eternal). 11 hugely politic supremely prudent. Love is the only true "policy." 12 That it nor since it neither. grows . . . show'rs i.e. is affected by fair weather or by foul. 13 fools of time time-servers, subject to the control of time. 14 Which die . . . for crime Allusion to specific malefactors who died repentant has been suspected in the line. Various suggestions have included the Earl of Essex and his followers, the perpetrators of the Gunpowder Plot, Catholic priests executed in 1594 and 1595, and the dramatists Marlowe, Peele and Greene.

one of my sonnets: Song Eng above all tribles -
154
Bastard again -

maybe
reversed & double
1564

Catherine's brief - 28?
Aed
Fisher's denial 129

6x2=12
#63
123
Theme
no. Bull of Julius
Sect 19
Died to preaching
5+

No, Time, thou shalt not boast that I do change!
Thy pyramids built up with newer might
To me are nothing novel, nothing strange;
They are but dressings of a former sight.

E. wanted
to build
some female

Our dates are brief, and therefore we admire
What thou dost foist upon us that is old,
And rather make them born to our desire
Than think that we before have heard them told.

#59 + 76?

Thy registers and thee I both defy,
Not wond'ring at the present nor the past;
For thy records and what we see doth lie,
Made (more) or (less) by thy continual haste.

attention

This I do vow, and this shall ever be -
I will be true, despite thy scythe and thee.

10
Essex damned
letters
false

Ever St.
= to Time & to E
Echo of St.

child
of mine
28
Tues
Jung
Greene
plum
Suffolk

SONNET 124
If my dear love were but the child of state,
It might for Fortune's bastard be unfather'd,
As subject to Time's love or to Time's hate,
Weeds among weeds, or flowers with flowers gather'd.

Essex term
Contemp. events
Wilson
(Tyler: Essex up-
return from
1595)

No, it was builded far from accident;
It suffers not in smiling pomp, nor falls
Under the blow of thrall'd discontent,
Whereto th' inviting time our fashion calls.

Green
Beeching: Reference to
Gunpowder Plot of
1605
History
here heretic
not limited
to temporary
fanaticism

It fears not Policy, that Herefickie
Which works on leases of short numb'ed hours,
But all alone stands hugely politic,
That it nor grows with heat nor drowns with show'rs.

Liza?
cf.
153-
154

To this I witness call the fools of time,
Which die for goodness, who have liv'd for crime.

154
= Essex vs. Stabbes!
Fits Mary's motto
in my end is my
beginning
Hotson
murder
of Henry Valois,
King of France -
1605?
Policy =
intrigue
should be,
than a 5?