SONNET 151. Some commentators have been shocked by the crude ob-Love is too young to know what conscience is; scenity of the double meanings in this sonnet. Shakespeare's contempo-Yet who knows not conscience is born of love? raries did not shy away from acceptance of normal bodily functions. I Love Cupid, a child. conscience awareness and understanding. In the Then, gentle cheater, urge not my amiss, following line the word is used to suggest "guilty knowledge." 3 cheater Lest guilty of my faults thy sweet self prove. betrayer (of all three men with whom she presumably has been involved). For, thou betraying me, I do betray urge . . . amiss charge me with my sin. 8 stays waits for. 10 Proud of swelling with. 13 want of conscience lack of awareness. My nobler part to my gross body's treason; My soul doth tell my body that he may Fun (4. #7= Triumph in love; flesh stays no farther reason, (not selval -But rising at thy name, doth point out thee As his triumphant prize. Proud of this pride He is contented thy poor drudge to be, To tand in thy affairs fall by thy side. Nowant of conscience hold it that I call Her "love" for whose dear love I rise and fall. In loving thee thou knowst I am forsworn, SONNET 152. 1 am forsworn have broken an oath (the marriage vow). But thou art twice forsworn, to me love swearing; art . . . swearing have broken two oaths since you have sworn love to me. 3-4 In act . . . love bearing i.e. you have broken one oath in your violation of your marriage vow and another oath in your present rejection of me after having sworn to love me. bearing professing. 7 misuse thee In vowing new hate after new love bearing. (a) misrepresent you, by calling you beautiful (b) use you wrongly, debauch But why of two oaths' breach do I accuse thee you. 8 And all . . . is lost and in my dealings with you I have lost all my integrity. 11 to enlighten . . . blindness to make you seem bright, When I break twenty I am perjur'd most; pretended to see what I did not see. 12 swear against deny. 13 eye Q; For all my vows are oaths but to misuse thee, 2 Sewell, K: "I" The Q spelling leaves the intended pun sufficiently clear. Concles And all my honest faith in thee is lost; breach For I have sworn deep oaths of thy deep kindness repeated wordstath, new Swearfing Y Oaths of thy love, thy truth, thy constancy; & eyes, truth And, to enlighten thee, gave eyes to blindness Love made her Or made them swear against the thing they see; For I have sworn thee fair - more perjur'deye, twice -two-twenty To swear against the truth so foul a liel Deems to be neg Contrasts with 36-96 couplet repetition because etec. of Essex