

Letter from Es to S

Young June -
Young Augusten??

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SONNET 141. 2 errors defects. 4 Who which. despite of view in spite of what can be seen. 6 Nor tender . . . prone nor my delicate sense of feeling inclined to respond to any ordinary common touch (it requires something more rarified). 8 alone in particular (and not with other women as well). 9 But my but neither my. five wits These were defined by Stephen Hawes, THE PASTIME OF PLEASURE (1509), as common wit, imagination, fantasy, estimation and memory. 10 serving thee being your lover. 11 Who which (his "foolish heart"). 11-12 leaves unsway'd . . . wretch to be leaves the mere outward semblance of a man without a ruler in order to become your proud heart's slave and miserable vassal. The poet's heart (which should rule his body) has abandoned him to serve the heart of his mistress. 13 plague affliction. thus far . . . gain I consider profitable to the following extent. 14 awards me pain inflicts punishment upon me (in the act of sinning, and thus spares me a full measure of punishment thereafter).

"shaming, legitimizing, despairing Coxes" he writes in supplication to Queen

89 "It is not in your power, great Queen as you are, to make me love you less" of Jenkins, p 301

SONNET 142. 1 dear characteristic, especially valued. 2 Hate of . . . loving hatred of my love (for you) because it is adulterous. 4 it my state. merits not reproving does not desire to be reproved. 6 their scarlet ornaments The lady's lips are equated with the red waxen seals upon such bonds as marriage contracts. 7 as mine as my lips have done. 8 Robb'd . . . rents cheated other wives of the marriage rights due to them. She has had affairs with other married men. 9 Be it let it be. 13 what i.e. pity. hide withhold. 14 self-example the example you set.

Sh. given 4 yrs a white cloth Seal - at Essex Ho. James 1103 day 7

90? man. Es

Ceal's plan with defect => = false bond?

192 Queen's death Garter color?

Could be James, who knighted 600 in 3 mos - (before he was crowned)! Summoned all who held 40 a yr. in land to come

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cochineal?

Plague in London gradual returning here 1592 (Theater closed 3 mos.)

1593 - Plague closes again non - repentance? (no. angels' count of 10 = right Plague)

1591

1594 - Plague summer

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heart loves in spite of errors

Eyes heart

In faith, I do not love thee with mine eyes,
For they in thee a thousand errors note;
But 'tis my heart that loves what they despise,
Who in despite of view is pleas'd to dote.
Nor are mine ears with thy tongue's tune delighted;
Nor tender feeling to base touches prone,
Nor taste, nor smell, desire to be invited
To any sensual feast with thee alone;
But my five wits nor my five senses can
Dissuade one foolish heart from serving thee,
Who leaves unsway'd the likeness of a man,
Thy proud heart's slave and vassal wretch to be.
Only my plague thus far I count my gain,
That she that makes me sin awards me pain.

what she says 5

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St. p 20

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1592

Love is my sin, and thy dear virtue hate,
Hate of my sin, grounded on sinful loving.
O, but with mine compare thou thine own state,
And thou shalt find it merits not reproving!
Or if it do, not from those lips of thine,
That have profan'd their scarlet ornaments
And seal'd false bonds of love as oft as mine,
Robb'd others' beds, revenues of their rents.
Be it lawful I love thee as thou lov'st those
Whom thine eyes woo as mine importune thee.
Root pity in thy heart, that, when it grows,
Thy pity may deserve to pitied be.
If thou dost seek to have what thou dost hide,
By self-example mayst thou be denied!

judges of death star wore scarlet her to feel urged pity to receive needed pity

Leicester what she says 5

Essex

Essex was public - she was him

of 40

Bitter

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Repentant Essex