

When Phoebus first did Daphne love.

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The Third and Last Booke of Songs or Aires.

When Phoebus first did Daphne love, And

no meanes might her fa-vour move.

He craved the cause, the cause quoth she Is, I have

vow'd vir-gin-i-tie, Then in a

rage he sware, and said, Past fif-teene



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none none but one should live a maid.

If maidens then shall chance be sped
 ere they can scarcely dress their head,
 yet pardon them, for they be loath
 to make good Phoebus break his oath.
 And better 'twere a child were born,
 than that a god should be foresworn.

By this they get sweet mother's name,
 and are not barren which were blame,
 besides by this procure they can
 the world a child, the prince a man.
 Now Stoick tell me if in this,
 that anything be done a-miss.