

# 5 When Laura Smiles

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(A Booke of Ayres — 1601)

1. When Lau - ra and smiles her views sight re - de -  
The earth and heav'n views with de -

vives light both night and day, And her speech with  
her wan - ton play, III.

ev - er - flow - ing mu - sic doth re - pair, The cru - el

wounds of sor - row and un - tam'd des - pair.

2. [See where] The sprites that remain in fleeting air,  
Affect for pastime to untwine her tressed hair,  
And the birds think sweet Aurora Morning's queen doth shine,  
From her bright sphere when Laura shows her looks divine.

3. Diana's eyes are not adorn'd with greater pow'r  
Than Laura's when she lists awhile for sport to lour  
But when she her eyes encloseth, blindness doth appear,  
The chiefest grace of beauty sweetly seated there.

4. Love hath no fire but what he steals from her bright eyes,  
Time hath no pow'r but that which in her pleasure lies,  
For she with her divine beauties all the world subdues,  
And fills with heav'nly spirits my humble Muse.