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## Why Should'St Thou Swear I Am Forsworn

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Why should'st thou swear I am forsworn?

Since thine I vow'd to be?

Lady, it is already morn:

It was last night I swore to thee  
this fond impossibility.

Have I not love'd thee much and long,

A tedious twelve hours' space!

I should all other beauties wrong

And rob thee of a new embrace

Should I still dote upon thy face.

Not that all joys in thy brown hair

By others may be found;

But I will search the dark, the fair,

Like skilful min'ralists that found

Their treasures in unploughed ground.

[tune:Why should'st thou swear I am forsworn]

Found in "Loyal Garland" c1680's. Attributed to King Charles I,

and popular among his cavaliers. WBO

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