

# John Dowland

## A Pilgrimes Solace

1612

### 20. Welcome blacke night.

Welcome blacke night, *Hymens* faire day,  
Help *Hymen* Loues due debt to pay,  
Loues due debt is chaste delight,  
Which if the turtles want to night,  
*Hymen* forfeits his Dietie,  
And night in loue her dignitie.  
Help, help, blacke night, *Hymens* faire day,  
Help *Hymen* Loues due debt to pay.

Stay (happy paire) stay but a while,  
*Hymen* comes not, loue to beguile,  
These sports are alluring baites,  
And sawce are to Loues sweetest Cates :  
Longing hope doth no hurt but this,  
It heightens Loues attained blisse.  
Then stay (most happie) stay a while,  
*Hymen* comes not, Loue to beguile.

Chorus:

*Hymen, O Hymen* myne  
Of treasures more diuine,  
What dietie is like to thee  
That freest from mortalitie ?