

THE
THIRD AND
LAST BOOKE
OF SONGS OR
AIRES.

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XIX. The lowest trees haue tops.

The lowest trees haue tops, the Ant her gall,
The flie her spleene, the little sparke his heate,
And slender haire cast shadowes though but small,
And Bees haue stings although they be not great.
Seas haue their source, and so haue shallowe springs,
And loue is loue in beggers and in kings.

Where waters smoothest run, deep are the foords,
The diall stirres, yet none perceiues it moue :
The firmest faith is in the fewest words,
The Turtles cannot sing, and yet they loue,
True hearts haue eyes and eares, no tongues to speake :
They heare, and see, and sigh, and then they breake.

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