

# Sonnets

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Who is it that says most which can say more  
Than this rich praise: that you alone are you,  
In whose confine immured is the store  
Which should example where your equal grew?  
Lean penury within that pen doth dwell  
That to his subject lends not some small glory;  
But he that writes of you, if he can tell  
That you are you, so dignifies his story.  
Let him but copy what in you is writ,  
Not making worse what nature made so clear,  
And such a counterpart shall fame his wit,  
Making his style admire'd everywhere.

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    You to your beauteous blessings add a curse,  
    Being fond on praise, which makes your praises  
worse.