

To my Lady Swann
26. Jan.
1655.

I have seen y^e delay, and have nothing to say, but that
 if y^e say from June to May, as it is usually y^e may,
 and if y^e say from grass to say, from say to grass,
 it shall be as it was, nor as it should be, and we
 never see Utricia Swann, nor when she can, nor when
 she can not, for this is a land I cannot under, I will
 and you must do it together, I see that ^{bad} matter given
 a good price for this month and the next, when
 shall see of the owl, ^{alone} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~but~~ one thing y^e
 must know, I'll furnish y^e here wth a wond^{er}full cheer
 nor of mine or here, it is trouble or cheer, but of ^{many} new
 songs, for hands and ^{for} tongues, which y^e must believe I have
 in my sleeve, in such a case, it will make y^e eyes out out
 an eye, ^{with} of y^e ugly things, I pittie y^e things, and if y^e had
 wings, no rope nor rings could hold me at the stage, where
 indeed the plague, as I heard of my mother, doth cease, and
 an other came in his place, y^e to the end these, both ^{sharp} ~~hard~~ and
 base. May it please y^e grace, Sweet Lady Swann, ~~that~~ ^{that} be
 the man who shall have this reproch in boat and in coach,
 I know y^e remember what in December y^e did intend by a letter
 y^e order, we made us believe y^e would not growe to be
 here as soon as the next new moon. And since by the
 fault that journey was lost, at the end of ^{the} ~~this~~ than take
 a boat full of straw, where y^e may, if y^e please, sit
 or lay at y^e ease, and talke ^{also} and sing, and doe any thing,
 we will make y^e forget it is miste or wet or storme
 weather, ^{in coming} ~~and~~ ^{either} ~~than~~ ^{thus} a night and no more
 will bring y^e to shore, where the Countesse's queene y^e have
 our side will be glad and joyous at y^e face and y^e
 voyce, and we poor singers, ~~and~~ ^{and} adoring y^e fingers shall
 kiss y^e faire hands, if heaven granty so happy a time.
 There is an end of my crime, and I without did of y^e
 doe course,

My noble madam,

Y^e Cousin in Adam
 et de fudo de man color
 my humble servant
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