

# Shall I sue shall I seeke for grace

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Chord progression: Gm D Gm D Gm F Gm D

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Chord progression: Gm C Bb Am F Bb Cm D G

Shall I striue to a heauen - ly Ioy, with an earth - ly loue?

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B $\flat$  Gm F D(no3rd) B $\flat$  C F Gm D

Shall I think that a bleed - ing hart or a wound - ed eie,  
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Gm F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  F Gm Cm D G

Or a sigh can as - cend the cloudes to at - taine so hie.  
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2 Silly wretch forsake these dreames,  
 of a vaine desire,  
 O bethinke what hie regard,  
 holy hopes doe require.  
 Fauour is as faire as things are,  
 treasure is not bought,  
 Fauour is not wonne with words,  
 nor the wish of a thought.

3 Pittie is but a poore defence,  
 for a dying hart,  
 Ladies eies respect no mone,  
 in a meane desert.  
 Shee is to worthie far,  
 for a worth so base,  
 Cruell and but iust is shee,  
 in my iust disgrace.

Iustice giues each man his owne  
 though my loue bee iust,  
 Yet will shee pittie my grieffe,  
 therefore die I must,  
 Silly hart then yeeld to die,  
 perish in dispaire,  
 Witnessse yet how faine I die,  
 When I die for the faire.