

Being with thy deare blood clene washt from sin,  
 May live for ever in felicity.  
 And that thy love we weighing worthily,<sup>o</sup>  
 10 May likewise love thee for the same againe:  
 And for thy sake that all lyke deare didst buy,<sup>2</sup>  
 With love may one another entertayne.<sup>o</sup>  
 So let us love, deare love, lyke as we ought,  
 Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.<sup>3</sup>

valuing properly

sustain

## 74

Most happy letters fram'd by skilfull trade,<sup>o</sup>  
 With which that happy name<sup>o</sup> was first desynd:  
 The which three times thrise happy hath me made,  
 With guifts of body, fortune and of mind.  
 5 The first my being to me gave by kind,<sup>o</sup>  
 From mothers womb deriv'd by dew descent,  
 The second is my sovereigne Queene most kind,  
 That honour and large richesse to me lent.<sup>o</sup>  
 The third my love, my lives last ornament,  
 10 By whom my spirit out of dust was rased:  
 To speake her prayse and glory excellent,  
 Of all alive most worthy to be prayed.  
 Ye three Elizabeths for ever live,  
 That three such graces did unto me give.

practice  
i.e., Elizabeth

nature

bestowed

## 75

One day I wrote her name upon the strand,<sup>o</sup>  
 But came the waves and washèd it away:  
 Agayne I wrote it with a second hand,  
 But came the tyde, and made my paynes his pray.<sup>o</sup>  
 5 "Vayne man," sayd she, "that doest in vaine assay,<sup>o</sup>  
 A mortall thing so to immortalize,  
 For I my selve shall lyke to this decay,  
 And eek<sup>o</sup> my name bee wyped out lykewize."  
 "Not so," quod<sup>o</sup> I, "let baser things devize<sup>o</sup>  
 10 To dy in dust, but you shall live by fame:  
 My verse your vertues rare shall eternize,  
 And in the heavens wryte your glorious name.  
 Where whenas death shall all the world subdew,  
 Our love shall live, and later life renew."

shore

prey  
attemptalso  
said / contrive

2. I.e., Christ bought all people at the same great cost.

3. Cf. John 15.12: "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you."