

Can I forget what Reason's force

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1. Can I for - get what Rea - son's force Im - print - ed in my heart?
 2. For now I prove no life to love Where Fan - cy breeds con - tent.
 3. A - no - ther heart I spied, com - bin'd Wi - thin my breast so fast,
 4. So Cu - pid plays oft now - a - days And makes the fool seem fair;

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Can I un - think these rest - less thoughts When first I felt Love's dart?
 True love's re - ward with wise re - gard Is ne - ver to re - pent;
 As to a stran - ger I seem'd strange, But Love forc'd love at last,
 He dims the sight bred - ing de - light Where we seem to des - pair.

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Shall tongue re - call what Thoughts and Love By Rea - son once did speak?
 It yields de - light that feeds the sight Whilst dis - tance do them part.
 Yet was I not as then I seem'd But ra - ther wish to see
 So in our heart he makes them sport And laughs at them that love.

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