Rest a While, You Cruel Cares

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‘Till my soul hath re - po - sses’d -
If I sigh, she fears de - ceit, -
Beau - ty kills and Beau - ty spares,

and sweet smiles sad sighs re - move:
sor - row then for me must speak:
the sweet hope which Love hath lost:

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Laura, fair queen of my delight,
Cruel, unkind, with favour view,
Laura, redeem the soul that dies,

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the wound that first was made by you;
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the wound that first was made by you;
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and if I ever fail to honour thee,
and if my torments ever feign-ed be,
and if it ever proves un-kind to thee,

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and if I ever fail to honour thee,
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and if it ever proves un-kind to thee,
be as dark as Hell to me.
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