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Thomas Churchyard (c.1520-1604), A Myrrour for Magistrates (1563)
William Byrd (c.1540-1623)
Psalmes, songs and sonnets (London, 1611)




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What metal may resist the flaming fire?
Doth not the Sun dazzle the clearest eyes?
And melt the ice, and make the frost retire?
Who can withstand a puissant King's desire?
The stiffest stones are pierced through with tools:
The wisest are with Princes made but fools.

