Rest a While, You Cruel Cares

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If I sigh, she fears deceit,
'Till my soul hath possessed'd

Beauty kills and Beauty spares,

And sweet smiles sad sighs remove:
sorrow 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,
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and if I ever fail to honor
and if my torments ever feigned
and if it ever proves unkind to

thee, Let this heavenly light I
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be, Let this heavenly light I
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me, Let this heav - n'ly light I
me, Let this heav - n'ly light I
see be as dark as Hell to me.
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me, as Hell to me.
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