

“See my breast, how like it is;
(*O Troy Town!*) 30

See it bare for the air to kiss!
Is the cup to thy heart’s desire?
O for the breast, O make it his!
(*O Troy’s down,*
Tall Troy’s on fire!) 35

“Yea, for my bosom here I sue;
(*O Troy Town!*)
Thou must give it where ’tis due,
Give it there to the heart’s desire.
Whom do I give my bosom to? 40
(*O Troy’s down,*
Tall Troy’s on fire!)

“Each twin breast is an apple sweet.
(*O Troy Town!*)
Once an apple stirred the beat 45
Of thy heart with the heart’s desire:—
Say, who brought it then to thy feet?
(*O Troy’s down,*
Tall Troy’s on fire!)

“They that claimed it then were three: 50
(*O Troy Town!*)
For thy sake two hearts did he
Make forlorn of the heart’s desire.
Do for him as he did for thee!
(*O Troy’s down,* 55
Tall Troy’s on fire!)

“Mine are apples grown to the south,
(*O Troy Town!*)
Grown to taste in the days of drouth,
Taste and waste to the heart’s desire: 60

Mine are apples meet for his mouth.”

*(O Troy's down,
Tall Troy's on fire!)*

Venus looked on Helen's gift,

(O Troy Town!)

65

Looked and smiled with subtle drift,
Saw the work of her heart's desire:—

“There thou kneel'st for Love to lift!”

*(O Troy's down,
Tall Troy's on fire!)*

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Venus looked in Helen's face,

(O Troy Town!)

Knew far off an hour and place,
And fire lit from the heart's desire;

Laughed and said, “Thy gift hath grace!”

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*(O Troy's down,
Tall Troy's on fire!)*

Cupid looked on Helen's breast,

(O Troy Town!)

Saw the heart within its nest,
Saw the flame of the heart's desire,—
Marked his arrow's burning crest.

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*(O Troy's down,
Tall Troy's on fire!)*

Cupid took another dart,

85

(O Troy Town!)

Fledged it for another heart,
Winged the shaft with the heart's desire,
Drew the string and said, “Depart!”

*(O Troy's down,
Tall Troy's on fire!)*

90

Paris turned upon his bed,

(O Troy Town!)

Turned upon his bed and said,
Dead at heart with the heart's desire—

95

“Oh to clasp her golden head!”

*(O Troy's down,
Tall Troy's on fire!)*

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