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What poor Astronomers

John Dowland, 1603

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And love it - self is but a jest De - vis'd by i - dle heads,
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But such as will run mad with Will, I can - not clear their sight,

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To catch young fan - cies in the nest And lay it in fools' beds.
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But leave them to their stu - dy still To look where is no light.

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When in the end they shall ap - prove
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That wo - men's eyes and stars are odd,
Till, time too late, we make them try,

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'Tis but a jest drawn out of love.
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