

**Polemical Poetry**

My heart shall onlie this desire (Baker's *Life*, Ampleforth)<sup>1</sup>

[575] My heart shall onlie this desire  
that thow my Lorde dispose  
Even as thow pleasest in all things  
till thes my eyes thow close  
By death, which I so much desire 5  
because it will procure  
Me to enioie my God and all  
where I shall be secure,  
That none from me can take my Lorde  
but for eternitie 10  
I shall enioie my onlie good  
and to him euer be  
[576] Vnited by a knotte of Loue  
which nothing shall vntie  
But will remaine as permanent 15  
as his Diuinitie.  
O Happie howre when will thow comme  
and sette my spirit free,  
That I maie loue and praise my God  
for perpetuitie 20  
Contemplating his glorious face  
with all that him adore  
Singing with them his sweetest praise  
for euer and euer more. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> This poem is a fragment from "Of Suffering and Bearing the Crosse," lines 81-104.