

**Polemical Poetry**

And shall my soul by senseless love<sup>1</sup> (Baker's *Life*, Ampleforth)

[369] And shall my soul by senseless love  
which yet is never true  
Bestow more love where it is lost,  
than where't is only due?

No, no, my God, but rather let  
such folly be to me, 5  
A means to urge my sinful soul  
to love more fervently.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This poem is a fragment of "Amor Ordinem Nescit," lines 33-40.

<sup>2</sup> Ardently.