

Moreouer, how shall men directly find
The Conjugation, Number, Person, Tence,
And mode of Verbes together in their kind?
What man I praie can stand in iust defence
Of due Construction both of wordes and sence ?
And if to Verse men further will proceede,
Which yeeldes lesse skope and asketh greater heede :

How shall a man assure true quantitie
Of time or tune ? Or if he would expresse
The diffrence, and the natiue propertie,
Of brode North speech and Sowthren smoothednesse :
How might he set it downe with cunlinesse,
Where men in writing doe so fondly dote,
As nought is done by rule, but all by rote ?

But were there once a sound Orthographie
Set out by learning and aduised skill,
(Which eertesse might be done full easilie)
And then confirmed by the Souereines will,
(For else would blind and cankred custome still
His former errors wilfully maintaine
And bring us to his *Chaos* baeke againe :)

No doubt but men should shortly find there is
As perfect order, as firme eerteintie,
As grounded rules to trie out things amisse,
As much sweete grace, as great varietie
Of wordes and phrazes, as good quantitie
For verse or prose in English euery waie,
As any comen Language hath this daie.

And were wee giuen as well to like our owne,
And for two elense it from the noisome weede
Of affectation which hath ouergrowne
Ungraciously the good and natiue seede,
As for to borrowe where wee have no neede :
It would prike neere the learned tungs in strength,
Perehaunce and match mee some of them at length.