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As from my soul, which in thy breast doth lie
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So that myself bring water for my stain
Never believe though in my nature reign'd
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To leave for nothing all thy sum of good
For nothing this wide universe I call
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