

23. If all the ages of the earth

Poem by Ben Jonson

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If all the a- ges of the earth Were crowned but with this fa- mous birth,

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but with this fa- mous birth; And when they would

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boast their store Of wor- thy queens, of wor- thy queens they know no more; How

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hap- pier is that age can give A queen in whom they all do live. And live.