

# "To the Virgins, to make much of Time"

By Robert Herrick

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*HESPERIDES:*  
OR,  
THE WORKS  
BOTH  
HUMANE & DIVINE.  
OF  
Robert Herrick *Esq.*  
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*Effugient avidos Carmina nostra Rogos.*

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*To the Virgins, to make much of Time.*

- 1 Gather ye Rose-buds while ye may,
- 2 Old Time is still a-flying;
- 3 And this same flower that smiles today,
- 4 To morrow will be dying.
  
- 5 The glorious Lamp of Heaven, the Sun,
- 6 The higher he's a-getting;
- 7 The sooner will his Race be run,
- 8 And nearer he's to Setting.
  
- 9 That Age is best, which is the first,
- 10 When Youth and Blood are warmer;
- 11 But being spent, the worse, and worst
- 12 Times, still succeed the former.
  
- 13 Then be not coy, but use your time;
- 14 And while ye may, go marry:
- 15 For having lost but once your prime,
- 16 You may forever tarry.