

**Polemical Poetry**

For if they do retorne to thee<sup>1</sup> (Baker's *Life*, Ampleforth)

[403] For if they do retorne to thee  
thy heart thou willt not close,  
As wittnes can my wretched soule  
which was so like to loose

All grace and goodness (if thow hadst 5  
not me with helpe prevented)  
By sinnes that would with blouddie teares  
be while I liue lamented.

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<sup>1</sup> This poem is a fragment of "Amor Ordinem Nescit," lines 253-260.