

Polemical Poetry

And in this waie do not think much (Baker's *Life*, Stanbrook)¹

[566] And in this waie do not thinke much,
that thow must much endure;
No, though it be from holie men,
for God doth this procure,

[567] That thow maiest seeke himself alone 5
and putte thy trust in him,
And not in anie creatures living
how good so ere they seeme.

For suffring by the meanes of th'ill 10
will little the advance;
But to be censured by the goood
goes neere to thee perchance.

¹ This poem is a fragment from "Of Suffering and Bearing the Crosse," lines 17-28.