

**Polemical Poetry**

And that my wicked heart did proue<sup>1</sup> (Baker's *Life*, Stanbrook)

[238]       And that my wicked heart did proue  
              who after sinnes so manie,  
              hath founde such fauour in thy eyes  
              without deseruing anie.

O blessed euer be my God  
              for his preuenting Grace,<sup>2</sup>  
              which I vnworthie haue receau'd  
              in this most happie place.

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<sup>1</sup> This poem is a fragment of "Amor Ordinem Nescit," lines 269-276.

<sup>2</sup> A reference to the doctrine of prevenient grace, in which God's grace occurs before a human being takes any action.