

# My prime of youth

Chidiock Tichborne, 1586 (Part 1 only)

**Bassus**

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My prime of youth is but a frost of \_\_\_\_\_ cares,  
My feast of joy is but a dish of pain, My crop of corn is but a field  
of tares, is but a field of tares, And all my goods is but vain hope of gain, and  
all my goods is but vain hope, is but vain hope of gain. The day is past,  
the day is past, and yet I saw no sun; And now I live, and now my  
life is done, and now I live, and now my life is done, and now my life is  
done. In deep distress to live with-out de-  
light, Were such a life as few, I think would crave, as few I think would crave.  
In pangs and pains to lan-guish day and night, to lan-guish day and night, day

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and night, Were too, too much for one poor soul to have. If weal and woe will

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thus con- tin- ue strife, if weal and woe will thus con- tin- ue\_\_\_\_ strife,

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A gen- tle death were good to cut off such a\_\_\_\_ life,

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a gen- tle death were good to\_\_\_\_ cut off such a life.