

The sun
is rising.

Now I must
pick flowers
before the
dew dries.

The grey-eyed morn smiles on the frowning night,
Chequering the eastern clouds with streaks of light,
And flecked darkness like a drunkard reels
From forth day's path and Titan's fiery wheels.
Now ere the sun advance his burning eye
The day to cheer and night's dank dew to dry
I must up-fill this osier cage of ours
With baleful weeds and precious-juiced flowers.

down
Darkness staggering
like a drunk

The earth that's nature's ^{womb} mother is her tomb;
What is her ^{tomb} burying grave that is her womb,
And from her womb children of divers kind
We sucking on her natural bosom find,
Many for many virtues excellent,
None but for some and yet all different.

we find ^{various} children
getting nourishment
from earth

(O, mickle is the powerful grace that lies
In herbs, plants, stones, and their true qualities:
For nought so vile that on the earth doth live
But to the earth some special good doth give,
Nor aught so good but strain'd from that fair use
Revolts from true birth, stumbling on abuse:
Virtue itself turns vice, being misapplied;
And vice sometimes by action dignified.)

good character
traits
courage
honesty

) Lot of uses

Nothing so bad that
there's no good in it
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there's no bad in it.

Within the infant rind of this small flower
Poison hath residence and medicine power:
For this, being smelt, with that part cheers each part;
Being tasted, slays all senses with the heart.
Two such opposed kings encamp them still
In man as well as herbs, grace and rude will;
And where the worser is predominant,
Full soon the canker death eats up that plant.