

Henry Lawes, *About the sweet bag of a bee*
(Lbl Add. MS 53,723, fol. 75v [autograph])

Robert Herrick

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Cupids fell at odds; and whose the pretty prize should be, they

vow'd to ask the gods. Which Venus hearing; thither came, and

for their boldness stripp'd them: and taking thence from each his

flame; with rods of myrtle whip'd them. Which done, to

still their wanton cries, and quiet grown sh'ad seen them, she kiss'd, and

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dried their dove-like eyes and gave the bag between them.