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ETC.

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*Written by Tho. Church-
yarde Gent.*
1579.



¶ *Imprinted at London for Andrew Maunsell,
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the Signe of the
Parret.*



TO THE QVEENES MOST
excellent Maiestie, Thomas Church-
yard, wisbeth all beauenly blessednesse,
worldly felicitie, and vnremo-
uable good Fortune.



H Auynge a duetifull desire, moste
redoubted soueraigne, to be
daily exercised in some seruiss-
able deuice and action (that
maie please my Prince and
countrey) Ineither spare paines
nor season, to purchase through practise of
pen, and studie of beade, my desired hope.

But waiynge the greatnesse of your Maiestie
and Princely iudgement, I am to seeke, not
onely what woordes dooeth best become me, but
likewise what woorkes I should present, es-
pecially to her highnesse, that hath suche giftes

Aj. from

*from the heauens, as all our earthly imagin-
ations, & base matter here belowe, maie of
right giue place vnto.*

*And to offer any present where suche par-
fections doe abounde, and the fountaine of
many graces dooeth freely flowe, the pre-
sumption were greate, and the boldenesse scarce
pardonabel. Yet moste gracious Ladie, albeit
I dare not bryng water to the well heade of
knowledge, and comfortable spryng (from
whence all kinde of people doe drawe succour
and releef) yet my hope is, that my humble
and vpright meanyng (of this my woorke)
shall finde fauour in your highnesse sight.*

*In whiche worke I compare, Flaunders,
Fraunce, Portugall, Irelande, and
Scotlande, to bee the shell of a precious
Nutte, the sweete Kirnell whereof is the
blessed state of ENGLANDE. And though
with worldly wickednesse, and troubles of our
tyme, the goodly shell is somewhat wormeatn
and cracked, the Kirnell shewes it self so
sounde, that Gods greate goednesse & glorie
is partly or altogether therein expressed.*

And

*And now by my verses and description is
onely touched (by all curtuous and reuerent
meanes) but the troubles and misfortunes of
euery countrie aparte, goyng no further in
any frase of speeche, then Christian zeale,
loue, and duetie maie commaunde a good
minde to sette out, as knoweth our liuyng
Lorde, who sende your Maiestie many
good and gracious newe yeres, with
a blessed and prosperous
olde raigne ouer vs.*

FINIS.