

Oh, call it by some better name,
For friendship sounds too cold,
While love is more a worldly flame,
Whose shrine must be of gold.
And passion like the sun at noon,
That burns are all the sees,
Awhile as warm, will set so soon,
Then, call it none of these.

Imagine something purer far,
More free from stain of clay
Than friendship, love as passions are,
Let human still as they,
And if thy lip for love like this,
No mortal word can frame,
Go, ask of angels what it is
And call it by that name.

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