

Robin Williamson, Pastime With Good Company

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i love and shall untill i die
grudge who will let none deny
so god be pleased this life will i
for my pastance* hunt sing and dance
my heart is set
all goodly sport for my comfort
who shall me let

youth will needs have dalliance
of good or ill some pastance
company my thinketh best
all thoughts and fancies to digest
for idleness is chief mistress
of vices all
then who can say but pass the day
is best of all

company with honesty is virtue
and vice to flee
company is good or ill
but every man has his free will
the best i sue the worst eschew
my mind shall be
virtue to use vice to refuse
i shall use me