

TO HIS COY MISTRESS /TO THE VIRGINS, TO MAKE MUCH OF TIME /  
TO ALTHEA, FROM PRISON

COPY MASTER

Literary Analysis

THEME

The **theme** of poem is the central message the poet wants to convey. Imagery, figurative language, and descriptive details may help the poet convey the theme to the reader.

**Directions:** “To His Coy Mistress” and “To the Virgins, to Make Much of Time” share a common theme, *carpe diem*, or “seize the day.” For each poem, list some of the imagery, figurative language, and other descriptive details the poet uses to express that theme.

Theme: carpe diem	
“To His Coy Mistress”	“To the Virgins, to Make Much of Time”

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