Distortions on Tudor Physicians

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distortions on Hall

1.
Mr Drayton, an excellent poet, laboring of a fever, was thus cured: an emetic infusion mixed with syrup of violets, a spoonful, which wrought very well both upwards and downwards troubled with pain of the head, great distillation, continual spitting and coldness, constraining him to wear three caps oppressed with melancholy and fever of extraordinary heat, very sleepy, with no sense of his sickness unquiet nights salt sharp humors did much perplex his spirits vexed with a desperate squin cy a burning fever, an excoriated tongue, cured by oxymel of squills so highly praised, as if wrought by enchantment
2.
The Lady Jenkinson (fair, pious, chaste) suffered vertigo, mouth sores, fainting and loose gums her pulse was weak, unequal, and vermicular

The Lord of Northampton could scarce draw his breath, from his mouth flowed abundant viscid humidities

My Lady Rainsford (gallantly structured of body) did vomit a worm of melancholy matter till the flux of blood was stayed thus remitting her fits

   a direful stink

3.
and when his shaking ague was done delivered of those bitter torments in the morning he was anointed again and bade farewell to Physick and so was cured, and lived many years
distortions on Bright

1.
Of internal sense, I take phantasy
   the greatest waste of spirit,
   and most
apt to thicken the blood

when the substance of the brain
   hath plentifully drunk
   of that splenetic fog

arising not of absence of light
   only
but by a presence of a substantial obscurity
possessed of an actual power

so that the uncheerful darkness of melancholy
obsures the sun and moon, and all
the comfortable planets of our natures,
which appear all swart, or more than half eclipsed
of this mist of blackness,
rising from that hideous lake

even as one condemned to death
with undoubted expectation of the axe,
fearing every knock at the prison door,
   hath horror
though the messenger of pardon
   bid him open
2. cheerful sounds alleve disordered rage
   and intemperate mirth

   except the melancholic
       be skilled in music
   and require a deeper harmony
distortions on Boorde 3

There be many mirths and consolations, some being good and some vituperable. Laudable mirth is, one man or neighbor to be merry with an other, with honesty and virtue, without swearing, slandering, or speaking ribaldry. Mirth is in musical instruments and ghostly and godly singing