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Not fast.

1 In the hour of my distress,
   When temptations me oppress,
   And when I my sins confess,
   Sweet Spirit, comfort me.

2 When I lie within my bed,
   Sick in heart, and sick in head,
   And with doubts discomforted,
   Sweet Spirit, comfort me.

3 When the house doth sigh and weep,
   And the world is drowned in sleep,
   Yet mine eyes the watch do keep,
   Sweet Spirit, comfort me.

4 When, God knows, I'm tossed about,
   Either with despair or doubt,
   Yet, before the glass be out,
   Sweet Spirit, comfort me.

5 When the Judgement is revealed,
   And that opened which was sealed,
   When to Thee I have appealed,
   Sweet Spirit, comfort me. Amen.

Robert Herrick, 1591 - 1674.