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### *The Anniversarie*

- Pick out the words that suggest royalty in *The Anniversarie*
- How does Donne compare the lovers' royalty with that of ordinary kings?
- What gives the sense of confidence to *The Anniversarie*?
- Compare this to *The Sunne Rising*
  - What is similar?
  - What are the essential differences?

### *Elegie XVI: On his Mistris*

- What in *Elegie XVI* might suggest that it is about a real situation?
  - How does Donne convey the idea of reality?
- What other things did you find to be funny besides those mentioned?

### *Lovers' infiniteness*

- In *Lovers' infiniteness*
  - What has Donne spent on 'purchasing' his mistress's love?
  - Does he feel he 'owes' anything more?
- Having spent everything, what is his problem?
- Would you say that *Lovers' infiniteness* is an idealistic poem?
  - If so, what exactly is idealistic about it?
- Does this poem help you see what is metaphysical about metaphysical poetry?