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Imagery in the poem of Herbert's Jordan:-

There are plenty of imagery in this poem.
For example -

"My thoughts began to burnish, sprout and swell,
curling with metaphors a plain intention,
decking the sense as if it were to sell."

These lines are examples of a richly metaphorical style which is very far indeed from the plainness and simplicity proclaimed by Herbert. These lines contain the images which are the picture of the splendour of the sun & of the joys which "triumph on the head of the sun". We find an image on "thousands of nations running in the poet's brain and offering their services to him if needed. Sometimes a line seemed to him not "quick" enough & sometimes a line seemed to be absolutely lifeless. Another point to note is the phrase "as if it were to sell" in the poem. Generally Herbert used the language of business and the market-place, and this phrase is an example of that.

Thus his intention was to employ a homely idiom that would readily appeal to his village audiences. What is represented by the poet in the poem is not understood by the audiences.

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