

SPENSER'S AMORETTI.

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To her Grace the Duchess of Newcastle.
Madam,

As you have been pleas'd to honour me with your private Approbation of these Musical Trifles; I am now making the most agreeable advantage of it, by presenting them to your Grace as a publick Testimony of my Gratitude. The words are of Spenser: a Person, in whom the characters of one of the best of Poets and best of Men were happily united. The greatness of his Reputation, and that Simplicity and easy Elegance, which recommend them so particularly to your Grace's Taste, ought to put me in pain for what I have presumed to add to them.

Yet, let the world call it vanity, I will flatter my self, there must be some merit where the Duchess of Newcastle approves. She is so universally allow'd a Mistress of Music, that under the cover of her Approbation, I cannot but think my self not only safe from Censure, but secure of some degree of Praise.

Madam,

I have always had so gratefull a sense of your Grace's long and continu'd Patronage, of the honour of those frequent attendances you have allow'd me to pay in your hours of Musical Amusement, and of the many Favours you have in the most obliging manner, conferr'd upon me, that it is with the utmost pleasure I take this first opportunity of Subscribing my self, in this Publick manner;

Madam, Your Grace's most

oblig'd humble Servant,

Maurice Greene.

Largo Andante.

SONNET

I.

Af - ter so long a race: as I have runne Through Fae - - ry land, which those six

books com- pile, Give leave to rest me being half foredonne, And gather to my selfe new breath awhile, Give

leave to rest me heing half foredonne, And gather to my selfe new breath a - while.

Allegro.

Then as a Steed refreshed after toile; Out of my prifon I will breake a - new; And stout - ly

will that second worke asoile, With strong en- devour and at- tention due. Then as a Steed refresh- ed after toile, re- freshed after toile,

Out of my prifon I will breake a - new; Out of my prifon I will breake anew; And stoutly will that second worke asoile, With strong endeavour and attention due.

Affettuoso.

Till then give leave to me in pleasant mew To sport my muse, and sing my loves sweet

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praise - - - my loves sweet praise: The con - tem - - plation of whose heavenly hew,

8 6 4 6 6 6 5 4 3 7 6 #

My Spirit to an high - er pitch will raise. The con - tem - plation of whose heavenly hew, My Spirit to an

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high - er pitch will raise, - - - My Spirit to an high - er pitch will raise.

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Allegro.

But let her Praises yet be lowe and meane, Fit for the handmayd of the Faery Queene. But let her Praises

6 5 6 6 8 4 4

yet be lowe and meane, Fit for the handmayd of the Faery Queene. Fit for the handmayd of the Faery Queene.

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SONNET

II.

Happy ye leaves, when as those lil-ly hands, Which hold my life - in
 their dead - doing might; Shall han - - dle you, and hold in loves soft bands, Like cap - - tives trem - bling at the victors fight.
 And hap - py lines, on which with Starry light, Those lamp - ing eyes will deigne sometimes to looke, And reade the Sorrows
 of my dying Spright, Writ - ten with teares in harts clofe bleeding hooke. And hap - - py rimes bathd in the Sacred
 brooke Of HE - - LICON, whence she de - ri - ved is, When ye be - hold that Angels hlesed looke, My
 Soules long lacked foode, my hea - - vens blis. My Soules long lacked foode, my hea - - - vens blis.

Vivace.

Leaves, lines, and rimes, feeke her to please a-lone, Whom if ye Please, I care for o-ther none. I care for o-ther none. Leaves, lines, and rimes, feeke her to please a-lone, Whom if ye Please, I care for o-ther none. I care for o-ther nne.

SONNET III.

Andante Vivace.

Fai-re Eyes, the myrrou of my niazed hart, What wond'rous wondrous vertue is containd in you, The which both life and death forth from you dart In-to the object of your mightie view your mightie view. For when ye mild-ly looke with lovely lovely hew, Then is my Soule with life and love in-spired: But when ye lowre, or looke on me askew, Then doe I die, as one with lightning

fi-red, But since that life is more than death de-fired, Looke ever love bly ever love bly as hecomes you best That your bright beams of my weak eyes ad

-mired May kindle living fire within my breast May kindle living fire with-in my breast. May kindle living fire - with-in my breast. Such

Allegro.

life should be the honor of your light, Such death the sad en-fam-ple of your might, the sad enfam-ple of your might, Such life should be the honor of your

light, Such death the sad enfam-ple of your might, Such death, Such death the sad en-fam-ple of your might.

SONNET
IV.

Andante.

Ye tradefull. merchants, that with weary toyle, Doe seek most pre-cious things to make your

gaine: And both the Indias of their treasure spoile, What needeth you to seeke so farre in vaine. so farre - in vaine.

Andante
 For loe, my love doth in herselfe con - taine All this worlds rich - es that may farre be found, If

Vivace.

Saphyres, loe, her eyes be Saphyres plaine, If Rubies, loe, her lips be Rubies found: If Pearles,

her teeth be pearles, both pure and round: If I - vorie, her forehead Ivorie weene; If Gold, her locks are

fi - neft Gold on ground; If Sil - ver, her faire hands her faire hands are fil - ver Sheene:

Vivace.
 But that which fairest is, but few but few behold, Her mind adorn'd with ver - tues ma - nifold. But

that which fairest is, but few but few behold, Her mind adorn'd with ver - tues ma - nifold, Her mind adorn'd with ver - tues ma - nifold.

Andante.

SONNET

V.

The rol - - - ling wheel that run - - - neth often round, The hard - est steele in tract of

time doth teare: And driz - - ling drops that often oft - en doe redound, The firm - est flint doth in con - tin - uance

wear: Yet cannot I, with many a dropping teare, And long in - treatie, soft - en her hard hart, That I

she will once vouch - safe my plaint to heare, Or looke with pit - ty on my painfull Smart, - - - Or looke with

Vivace.

pit - ty on my painfull Smart. But when I plead, she bids me play my part, And when I weepe, she sayes

Teares are but water: And when I sigh, she sayes, I knowe the art, And when I wails, she turnes herselfe to laughter.

Su doe I weepe and waille, and plead in vaine Whiles she as steele and flint dath still remaine, she as steele and flint doth still remaine, - -

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doth still remaine. So doe I weepe and waille, and plead in vaine Whiles she as steele and flint doth still - - re-

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maine, - - she as steele and flint doth still re - maine, - - she as steele and flint doth still remaine.

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SONNET
VI.

Vivace.

The merry Cuckow, messenger of Spring His Trumpet flourish hath thrice already founded: That warns all

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lo - vers waite upon their king, Who now is coming forth with girland Crown - ed, ed. With noyse whereof the quire of Birds re-

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- founded Their anthems sweet de - vized of loves praise, That all the wonds their Echoes back rebounded, As if they knew the mean - ing of their layes.

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Andante

But mongst them all, which did loves honour raise, No word was heard of her that most it ought, But she his precept proudly diso-

Vivace.

- bays, And doth his idle message set at nought: Therefore, O Love, unless she turne to thee, Ere Cuckow end, Ere Cuckow end, let her a Rebell be.

SONNET

VII.

Largo.

How long shall this like dying life en-dure, And know no end no

end of her own miserie. But waste and wear away in termes un-fure, Twixt feare and hope de-pend-ing

-doubtfully. Yet better were att once to let me die, And shew the last en-sam-ple of your pride: Then to tor-

-ment me thus with crueltie, To prove your powre, which I too well have tride, which I too well, too well have tride.

Audante
Vivace.

But yet if in your hardned brest ye hide A clofe in - tent at last to shew me grace: Then

all the woes and wrecks which I a - hide As meanes of blis I glad - ly will embrace, And wish that more and

grea - ter they might be, That grea - ter meed at last may turne to me, And wish that more and

grea - ter they might be That greater meed at last may turne to me.

SONNET VIII.

Largo Andante.

The Laurell leaf, which you this day doe weare, Gives me great hope of your relenting mind: For

since it is the badge which I doe beare, Ye bearing it, doeseeme to me inclind: The Powre thereof, which oft in me I find,

let it likewise your gentle brest inspire With sweet infusion, and put you in mind Of that proud mayd, whom now those leaves attyre, whom now those

6 5 6 4 # 5 4 3 4 7 6 5 4 3 # 6 4 3 6 6 6 5

Allegro.
leaves, those leaves attyre. Proud DAPHNE scorning Phoebus lovely fire, On the Theffalian shore from him did flee: For which the gods in

7 5 6 5 3 6 6 # 6 6 # 5 # 6 5 #

their revengefull ire, Did her transforme into a Laurell tree. Proud DAPHNE scorning Phoebus lovely fire, On the Theffalian shore from

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him did flee: For which the gods in their revenge - full ire, Did her transforme into a Laurell tree.

6 7 # 5 6 6 4 # 6 4 #

Andante. Then flie no more faire love from Phoebus chafe, But in your brest his leafe and love embrace. Then flie no more faire

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 5 6 4 #

love from Phoebus chafe, But in your brest, But in your brest his leafe and love embrace.

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 5 4 3

Largo.

SONNET

IX.

Like as a Ship that through the o - cean wide By conduct of some Starre doth make her way When

as a Storme hath hind her trullie guide Out of her cource doth wander far a - stray So I whose stare that went with her bright ray

Me to direct with Cloudes is over - - cast Doe wan - der now in darknesse and difmay Through hidden perils round a - bout me plait.

Andante.

Yet hope I well that when this Storme is past My HELICE the lodestar of my life Will shine againe and looke on me at last With love - ly

light to cleare my clou - dy grieft grieft Till then I wan - der careful com for less In secret forrow and sad

pentivenes Till then I wander in secret for - row Till then I wander in secret forrow

Andante .

SONNET

X.

WHAT guile is this that thofe her golden trefes She doth atyre un-der a net of Gold Andwithlie skill fo

cunningly them drefles That which is Gold or haire may scarce be told Is it that mens frayle eyes which gaze too bold She may en-

-tangle in that golden snare And beeing caught inay craftilly enfold Their weaker harts which are not well a-ware Take

heede take heede therefore mine eyes how ye do stare Henceforth too rashly on that guile-ful net In which if ever ye en-trap-ped

are Out of her hands Out of her hands ye by no means shall get Fondness it were for any being

free To co- - vet fetters to co- - vet fetters though they golden bee - though they golden bee - bee.

Vivace.

Adagio.

SONNET

XI.

ARION when through tempest cruel wrack He forth was throwne into the greedy Seas

Affettuoso

Through the sweet musick which his harp did make Al-lurd a Dolphin him from death to ease Through the sweet - musick which his

harp did make Al-lurd a Dolphin him from death to ease But my rude musick which was wont to please Some daintie eares can-

-not with any skill The dread - ful tempest of her wrath appeale Nor move the Dolphin from her stubborne will But in her pride she doth perfever till All

carelesse how my life for her decays Yet with one word she can it save she can it save or spill To spill were pittie but to save were praise

Affettuoso

Chuse rather to be prayd for dooing good Then to be blamd for spilling guiltlesse blood Chuse rather to be prayd for dooing good Then to be blamd for spilling guiltlesse

SONNET
XII.

Sweet smile, the daughter of the Queene of Love, Sweet smile, expressing all thy mothers powrefull

art, Sweet smile, with which she wents to temper angry JOVE, When all the gods he threats with thundring dart, with thun-

-dring thundring. dart. Sweet smile, sweet is thy ver-tue, as thy selfe sweet

art. Sweet smile, for when on me thou thindest late in sad-nesse, A mel- - - ting pleafance a melt - - - ing pleafance

ran through ev-ry part, ran through ev'ry ev-ry part, And me re - - vi - - ved with hart rob - - bing gladness, And me re-

-vived with hart rob - - - bing glad - - - nesse.

Allegro.

Whilst rapt with joy resembling heavenly madnesse My soule was raviht quite as in a traunce And feeling thence

more her sorrowes sadnesse, Fed on the fullnesse of that chearefull glaunce, Fed on the fullnesse of that chearefull glaunce, that cheare - full

glaunce that chearefull glaunce, More sweet than Nectar, or Ambrosial meat, Seem'd every bit which thence - forth I did eate. More sweet then

Nec - tar or Ambrosial meat, Seemd evry bit which thence - forth I did eate, every bit which thence - forth I did eate.

Andante

Vivace.

Sweet smile, the daughter of the Queene of Love, Sweet smile, expressing all thy mothers powerfull art, Sweet

smile, sweet smile, sweet is thy vertue, sweet is thy vertue, as thy selfe sweet art, as thy selfe sweet art, as thy selfe sweet art.

Vivace.

SONNET
XIII.

Marke when the smiles with a - - miahle cheere, And tell me whereto can ye liken it. When
on each eye - lid sweetly doe appeare An hundred gra - ces as in shade to fit. A hundred gra - ces in shade to fit.

Vivace.

Likest it fereh in my simple wit, U - - to the faire sunshine in Som - mers day That when a dreadfull forme a - way is fitt, The bright out -
world doth spred his goodly ray A - fight whereof, each bird that sits on spray And ev - ry beast that to his den was fleo Comes forth afresh out of their late dif -

may, And to the light lift up their drouping hed. And to the light lift up their drouping hed. So my formebeaten hart likewise is cheare With that sunshine when cloudy

looks are cleared. So my forme beaten hart likewise is cheas With that sunshine when cloudy looks are cleared when cloudy looks are clear - ed.

looks are cleared. So my forme beaten hart likewise is cheas With that sunshine when cloudy looks are cleared when cloudy looks are clear - ed.

Largo Andante.

SONNET
XIV.

The Love which me fo cru-elly tor-men-teth, S Pleafing is in my extream-est

paine, That all the more my for-row it aug-menteth, Th more I Love the more I Love and do em-brace my

ban. Ne do I wish (for wishing were but vaine) To be acquit fro my con-tin-uall smart; B-joy, her thrall for ever to re-

-maine A d yield for pledge my poore my poore cap-tived here Th that it from her may never sta Let her, if please her hind with Adiant

chains. A d from all wandring loves which may pervart, in safe af-su-rance strongly it re-straine strong-ly it refraine.

Allegretto One-ly let her ab-staine from crueltie, A d do me not be-fore my time to die-- before my time to die.

O mightie charme which makes men love their bane, And think they die with plea - sure, live with paine. O mightie

charme which makes men love their bane, And think they die with pleasure, live with paine.

Adagio. *Ande.*

SONNET
XVI.

Fayre cru - ell, Fay-re cru-el why are ye so fierce so fierce and cruell. is it because your eyes

have powre to kill, have powre to kill. Then know that mercy is the mighties jewell, And greater glory think to save then kill.

Andante.

But if it be your pleasure and pound will, T. show the powre of your imperious eyes: Then not on him that never thought you ill, But bend your force your force

Allegro.

against your Enemies, L t them feele th'nt most th'ntmost of your cruelties, And kill with looks and kill with looks as cockatrices doe:

Andante.

But him that at your footfoole humbled lies, With mercifull regard, give mercy to, give mor - ty to, give mercy to.

Such mercy shall you make admyrd to be, So shall you live by giving life to me, Such mercy shall you make admyrd to be,

So shall you live So shall you live by giving life to me. So shall you live by giving life to me.

SONNET
XVII.

Largo.

Faire yee be fure but cruell and unkind As is a Tygre that with greedines Hunts after blood when

Allegro.

he by chance doth find A feeble beast doth felly him oppresse doth felly him oppresse Faire he ye fure but proud and pittifesse

A. is a storme that all things doth krupt: Fat-Finding a tree a-lone all comfortless B-ats on it strong-ly it to ruinate.

Faire he ye sure, but hard and obstinate, As is a rocke amidst the ra - ging floods; Gainst which a ship of

luc - cour de - fo - late, Doth suf - fer wreck both of her selfe and goods. Doth suf - fer wreck both of her selfe and goods.

Allegro. That ship, that tree, and that same beast am I. Whom ye do wreck, doe ruine and destroy. That ship, that tree, and that same beast am

I, Whom ye doe wreck, doe ruine and destroy. Whom ye do wreck, doe ruine and destroy - - - Whom ye doe wreck, doe ruine and destroy.

**SONNET
XVIII.**

Vivace.
Thrise happy she, that is so well assur'd Un-to her selfe, and settled so in hart: That neither will for

better be al - lurd, Ne feare with worse to a - - ny chance to start. But like a stedy ship doth strong - ly part The ra - - ging waves, and

pos her course along No ought for tempest doth from it de-part. No ought for fayrer wea - thers false delight, Such felle af - furance

need not feare the spight Of grudging foes, ne favour seeke of friends: But in the stay of her owne stedfast might. Nether to one herself nor other bands

Vivace. Most happy she that most assur'd doth rest, But he most happy who such one loves best. Most happy she that most assur'd doth rest, But

he most happy who such one loves best. Most happy she that most assur'd doth rest But he most happy who such one loves best. he most happy who such one loves best

SONNET
XIX.

Andante Vivace.

After long stormes and tempests sad af - fay, Which hardly I en - du - red here - tofore

dread of death, and dangerous dismay, With which my silly harke was tossed fore: I doe at length desery the happy shore.

I doe at length de-fry the happy flore, In which I hope ere long for to arrive for to arrive: Faire foyle it feemes from far, -and

fraught with flore O all that deare & daintie is alive, Faire foyle it loemes from far, and fraught with flore Of all that deare & daintie is alive.

Vivace.

Most hap-py he, that can at last atchive, The joy - - ous fatejic of to meet a rest; Whole

leat de - - light suf - - li - ceth to deprive R - mem - brance of all painis which him opprest, All paines are

nothing in respect of this, All for - - rows short that gaine e - ternal blis, All paines are - nothing

in respect of this, All forrowes short that gaine e - ter - nall blis, - - - All forrowes short that gaine e - ternal blis.

SONNET XX.

Andante.

Like as a huntman af-ter weary chace, Seing the game from him escape a-way, Sits down to rest him

in some shady place, With panting Hounds be-guil-ed of their pray: So after long pursuit and vaine ally, When I all wearie

had the chace furfooke, The gen-tle Deere returnd the selfe same way, Thinking to quench her thirst at the next brooke:

Vivace.

There she beholding me with milder lonke, Sought not to flye, hut fearelesse still did hide, Till I in hand her yet halfe trembling

tonke, And with her own good will her firmly tyde. Strange thing me seemd to see a beast so wild, So goodly wonne with her

owne will beguild, with her owne will with her owne will beguild.

Vivace.

SONNET

XXI.

Fresh spring the herald of loves migh - tieking, In whole coat armor richly are displayd All sorts of flowres,

all sorts of flowres the which on earth do spring, In good - ly colours gloriously arrayd - - - glo - riouly arrayd. Goe to my love where he is

Affettuoso.

carlecke laid. Yet in her winters bowre not well awake: Tell her the joyous time will not be stand, Unless she doe him by the forelock take. Bid her

the best shee boone rea - dy make T' waite on Love among this lovely crew: Were every one that misseth then her make, Shall be by him amercst with penance

dew Shall be by him amercst with penance dew. Make hast therefore sweet love, whilst it is prime, For none can call againe the passed time.

Vivace.

Make haste therefore for a love, whilst it is prime, For none can call a - gaine the pas - sed time. For none can call a - gaine the passed time.

Largo.

SONNET XXII.

One day I wrote her name up - on the strand, But came the waves and washed it a - - way:

6 6 4 5 3 2 6 # 6 7

Again I wrote it with a second hand, But came the tyde, and made my paines his pray. Vaine man said he, that doest in vaine af-

6 6 4 5 3 2 6 # 6 7 7 6 6 b7 6 5

- fay, A mortall thing so to im - mortalize, For I my selfe shall like to this decay, And eke my name be wiped out likewise.

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Allegro.

Not so, quoth I let baser things devile To die in dust, but you shall live by Fame shall live by Fame shall live by Fame. My

7 6 7 7 b7 6 # 2 4 6 # 6 4 #

verse your vertues rare shall eternize, And in the heavens write your glorious name, your glo - - - rious glorious name, Where when as death shall

8 6 6 # 6 # 8 6 8 6 4 #

all the world subdue, Our love shall live and later life renew, O - love shall live and later life renew, O - love shall live and later life renew.

6 6 b6 b5 6 6 7 6 6 6 4 5

SONNET XXIII.

Affettuoso.

Lacking my Love, I goe from place to place, Like a young fawne, that late hath lost the Hind: And

feeke each where, where last I saw her face, Whole image yet I car-ry fresh in mind. I feeke the fields with her

late footing fynd. I feeke her howre with her late presence deert, Yet nor in field nor howre I can her find: Yet

field and howre are full of her aspect: But when mine eyes I there un-to direct, - They i-dly backe re-

-turne to me againe, And when I hope to see their true ob-ject, I find myfelfe but fed with fancies vaine.

Allegro.
Cease then mine eyes, to seeke herselfe to see, And let my thoughts behold her-selfe in mee.

Cease then mine eyes, to seeke herfelfe to see, And let my thoughts behold herfelfe in mee. Cease then mine eyes, to seeke herfelfe to see, And let my thoughts be - hold herfelfe in me. And let my thoughts behold herfelfe in mee.

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6 5 4 3 6 7 6 6 7 6 6 6 6 5 3 2 6 6 6 4 5

Lento.

SONNET XXIV.

Since I did leave the presence of my love, My long wea - - rie

2 6 6 6 # 2 4

days I have out worne: And ma - ny nights, that flowely seemd to move Their sad pro - tract from evening untill

6 6 4 # 2 6 6 6 # 2 4 6 6 #

morne. For, when as day the heaven doth a - dorne, I wish that night the noyous day would end: And

7 6 6 # 6 6 7 6 6 4 5 3

when as night hath us of light for - lorne, I wish that day would shortly re - af - fend.

4 2 4 6 4 b7 6 6 6 6 6 4 5 3

Andante.

Thus I the time with expecta-tion spend, And faine my grieft with changes to beguile, That further
 seemes his terme full to extend, And maketh evry mi-nute feeme a mile. So for-row fill doth
 seeme too long to laft, But joy-ous houres do flie a-way too faft. But joy-ous houres do flie away too faft.

SONNET
 XXV.

Andante.

Like as the Cul-ver on the bared hough, Sits mourning for the abfence of her mate;
 And in her fongs fends many a wiffull vow, For his return that feems to lin-ger late, Like as the Culver on the bared hough, Sits
 mourning for the abfence of her mate; And in her fongs fends many a wiffull vow, For his re-turn that feems to lin-ger late.