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SUPERIUS.

Psalmes, Sonets, & songs of sadness and
pietie, made into Musicke of ffe parts: whereof, some
of them going abroad among diuers, in vntrue coppies, are
heere truely corrected, and th' other being Songs very rare
and newly composed, are heere published, for the recreation
of all such as delight in Musicke: By William Byrd one
of the Gent: of the Queens Maiesties
Royall Chappell.



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dwelling in Aldersgate streee, ouer
against the signe of the George.

Rés Vm. 119



Reasons briefly set downe by th'author, to perswade
euery one to learne to sing.

First, it is a knowledge easely taught, and quickly learned, where
there is a good Master, and an apt Scholler.

2 The exercise of singing is delightfull to Nature, & good
to preserue the health of Man.

3 It doth strengthen all parts of the brest, & doth open the pipes.

4 It is a singular good remedie for a stutting and stammering in the
speech.

5 It is the best meanes to procure a perfect pronunciation, & to
make a good Orator.

6 It is the onely way to know where Nature hath bestowed the
benefit of a good voyce: which guift is so rare, as there is not one a-
mong a thousand, that hath it: and in many, that excellent guift is
lost because they want art to expresse Nature.

7 There is not any Musick of Instruments whatsoeuer, compa-
rable to that which is made of the voyces of Men, where the voyces
are good, and the same well sorted and ordered.

8 The better the voyce is, the meeter it is to honour and serue
God there-with: and the voyce of man is chiefly to bee employed
to that ende.

Omnis spiritus Laudet Dominum.

Since singing is so good a thing,
I wish all men would learne to sing.

TO THE RIGHT HO-
nor able Sir Christopher Hat-

ton Knight, Lord Chancellor of Eng-

land, William Byrd wisheth long life, and

the same to bee molt

healthie and happy.



HE often desires of many my good friends, Right honora-
ble, and the consideration of many untrue incorrected cop-
pies of diuers my songs spred abroade, haue beeene the two
causes, chieflie moving my consent at length to put in Print
the fruits of my small skill and labors in Musike. Then the
dutie, honor, and seruice due from mee unto your Lordship,
together with the remembrance of your iudgement and loue of that Art, did
moue & imbolden mee to present this first printed worke of mine in English,
to passe under your L. fauour & protection: unworthie I confesse, the view
or Patronage of so worthie a Personage. Yet remembraunce that small things
sometime do great seruice, & that repose is best tasted by bodies forewearied:
I hoped that (by this occasion) these poore songs of mine might happily
yeeld some sweetnesse, repose, and recreation unto your Lordships mind, after
your dayly paines & cares taken in the high affaires of the Common VValth.
Most humbly beseeching your Lordship, that if my boldnesse heerein bee
faultie, my dutifull good will, and good meaning may excuse it: which if I
may so fortunately perceiue, it shall incourage mee to suffer some other things
of more depth and skill to follow these, which beeing not yet finished, are of
diuers expected and desired. Incessantly beseeching our Lord to make your
yeeres happy, and end blessed, I wish there were any thing in mee worthis
of your Lordship to be commanded.

Most humblie your L. euer to command

William Byrd.

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¶ The Epistle to the Reader.



Enigne Reader, heere is offered vnto thy courteous accepration, Musickē of sundrie sorts, and to content diuers humors. If thou bee disposed to pray, heere are *Psalmes*. If to bee merrie, heere are *Sonets*. If to lament for thy sins, heere are songs of sadnesse and *Pietie*. If thou delight in Musickē of great cōpasle, heere are diuers songs, which beeing originally made for Instruments to expresse the harmony, and one voyce to pronounce the dittie, are now framed in all parts for voyces to sing the same. If thou desire songs of smal compasse and fit for the reach of most voyces, heere are most in number of that sort. Whatsoeuer paines I haue taken heerein, I shall thinke to be well employed, if the same bee well accepted, Musickē thereby the better loued, and the more exercised. In the expressing of these songs, either by voyces or Instruments, if there happen to bee any iarre or dissonance, blame not the Printer, who (I doe assure thee) through his great paines and diligence, doth heere deliuere to thee a perfect and true Coppie. If in the composition of these Songs, there bee any fault by mee committed, I desire the skilfull, eyther with courtesie to let the same bee concealed, or in friendly sort to bee thereof admonished: and at the next Impression he shall finde the error reformed: remembraunce alwaies, that it is more easie to finde a fault then to amend it. If thou finde any thing heere worthie of liking and commendation, giue praise vnto Go d, from whom (as from a most pure and plentifull fountaine) all good guiftes of Sciences dooe flow: whose name bee glorified for euer.

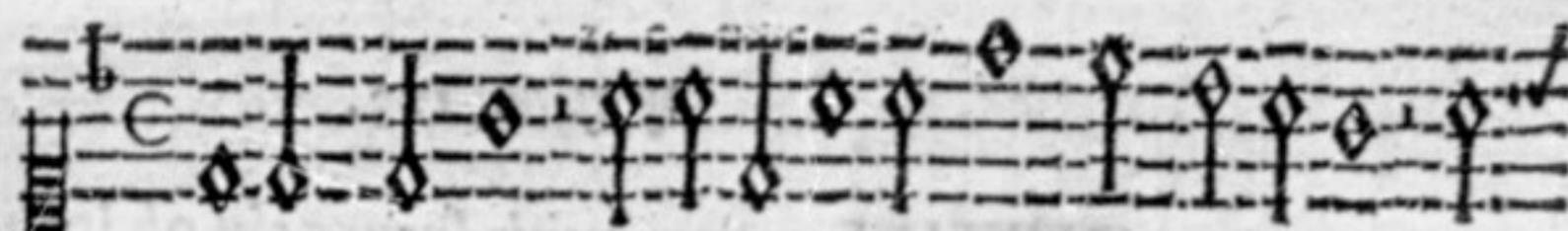
The most assured friend to all
that loue or learne Musickē:

William Byrd.

¶ The names and number of those songs which are of the highest compasse.

M Y soule opprest with care and griefe.	III	Lord in thy wrath.	IX
How shall a young man prone to ill.	IV	La virginella.	XXIIII
O Lord how long wilt thou forget.	V	If that a sinners sighes.	XXX
O Lord who in thy sacred tent.	VI	Cate for thy soule.	XXXI
Help Lord for wasted are all those.	VII	Lullaby.	XXXII
Blessed is hee that feares the Lord.	VIII	Why doe I yse.	XXXIII

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God giue eare & do apply,to heare me whē I pray:and
whē to thee I call & cry,hide not thy self, ij. away.



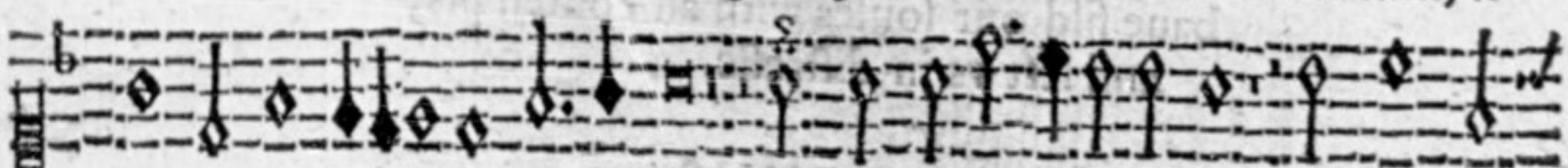
Take heed to me graūt my request,& answere me a- gaine:With plaints I pray full



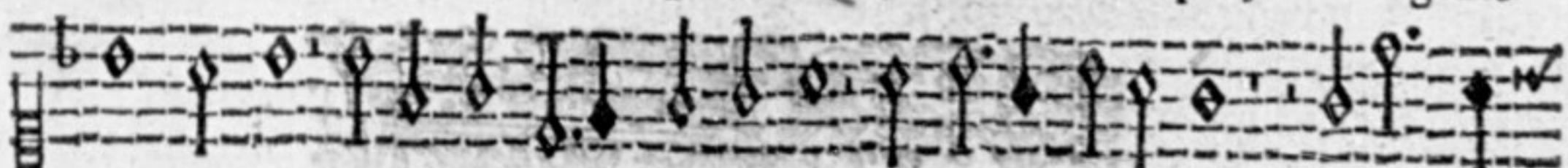
sore opprest,great griefe,doth me con- straine.ij. Because my foes



with threats & cries,oppreſſe me through despite:and ſo the wicked ſort likewiſe, to



vexe me haue de- light,haue delight. For they in coūſel do cōſpire, to charge me



with ſome ill, So in their hasty wrath and ire,they do pursue me ſtill. they do pur-



ſue mee ſtill,they doe pursue mee still. For they &c.

- 1 **M**ine eyes with seruencie of sprite,
I doe lift vp on hie:
To thee O Lord that dwelst in light,
which no man may come neare.
- 2 Beehold euен as the seruants eyes,
Vpon their master waite:
And as the maide her mistris hand,
with carefull eye and straite,
- 3 Attends: So wee O Lord our God,
thy throne with hope and grieve
Beehold, vntill thou mercie send,
And giue vs some reliefe.
- 4 O Lord though wee deserue it not,
yet mercie let vs finde:
A people that despised are,
throwne downe in soule and minde,
- 5 The mightie proud men of the world,
that seekes vs to oppresse:
haue fild our soules with all contempts,
and left vs in distress.

FINIS.





Inc eyes with feruencie of sprite, I doe lift vp
on hie: To thee O Lord that dwellest in light, which
no man may come nre. which no man may come nre, may come nre.



I will lift up my eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He who dwelleth in the heavens shall laugh at the works of men.
For he looketh from heaven with glory upon them that fear him.
O ye people, sing unto the Lord, for he cometh to judge the world in righteousness.
His eyes are upon the wicked, and he bringeth down to the dust the mighty.
He shall rule over all the earth, and he shall be exalted in the world.

- 1 **M**Y soule opprest with care and griefe,
doth cleave vnto the dust :
O quicken mee after thy woord,
for therein doe I trust.
- 2 My waies ynto thee haue I shew'd,
thou answerest mee againe :
Teach mee thy law and so I shall,
bee eas'd of my paine.
- 3 The way of thy commaund'ments Lord,
make mee to vnderstand :
And I will muse vpon the power,
and wonders of thy hand.
- 4 My heart doth melt and pine away,
for verie paine and griefe :
O, raise mee vp, after thy word,
and send mee some reliefe.
- 5 All falsehood, and false waies O Lord,
doe thou from mee remoue :
And graunt mee grace to know thy law,
and onely that to loue.
- 6 The way of truth I choose to tread,
to keepe my life in awe :
And see before mee as a marke,
thy sacred woord and law.
- 7 I cleave, O Lord, vnto all things,
witnessed by thy speech :
Whereof that I repent mee not,
I humbly thee beeseech.
- 8 When that my heart thou shalt enlarge,
to seeke and runne the waies :
Of thy precepts, I will not faile,
the length of ali my daies.

F I N I S.



Y Soule opprest, with care & griefe, with care

and griefe, doth cleave vnto the dust : O quicken mee

after thy word, for therein dooe I trust. My wayes vnto thee

haue I shew'd thou answerest mee againe, Teach mee thy law & so

I shall, bee eased of my paine. bee eased of my paine, of my paine. Teach

mee thy law and so I shall, bee eased of my paine, bee eased of my

paine, bee eased of my paine.

1. **H**ow shall a young man prone to ill,
 clenſe his vnbridled heart?
 If that thy law, O Lord hee doe,
 all frailtie ſet apart.
 Embrace with ſetled minde, and learne
 thy word with care to keepe:
 And ſearch to finde with humble ſpirit,
 thy iudgements that are deepe.
2. With my whole heart, I haue thee fought,
 and ſearched out thy way:
 O ſuffer not that from thy word,
 I warue or goe astray.
3. Thy woord O Lord, within my heart,
 leauft I ſhould thee offend:
 I haue laid vp as treasure great,
 for that ſhall mee defend.
4. The Lord is bleſt, hee ſhall mee teach,
 the iudgements of his mouth,
 Thereby to rule and drefſe the waies,
 of my vntamed youth.
5. Thy lawes therefore in open place,
 my lippes ſhall euer ſound:
 And neuer faile to ſhew forth that,
 to which thou haſt mee bound.
6. For in the way of thy precepts,
 I ſet my whole delight:
 No wealth, no treasure of the world,
 ſo precious in my ſight.
7. What thou commaundſt I will think on,
 With diligent reſpect:
 And to thy lawes haue due regard,
 for they ſhall mee protec̄t.
8. In thy precepts O Lord, my ſoule
 her whole delight hath ſet:
 Thy words therefore more pure then gold,
 I neuer will forget.

FINIS.



Ow shall a young man prone to ill, cleanse his vn-

brid-led heart, cleanse his vnbridled heart?

How shall a young man prone to ill, cleanse his vnbrid'led hart? If that thy law

O Lord hee doe, all frailtie set apart. Embrace with settled mind, & learne thy

word with care to keepe: And seeke to finde with humble sprite, thy

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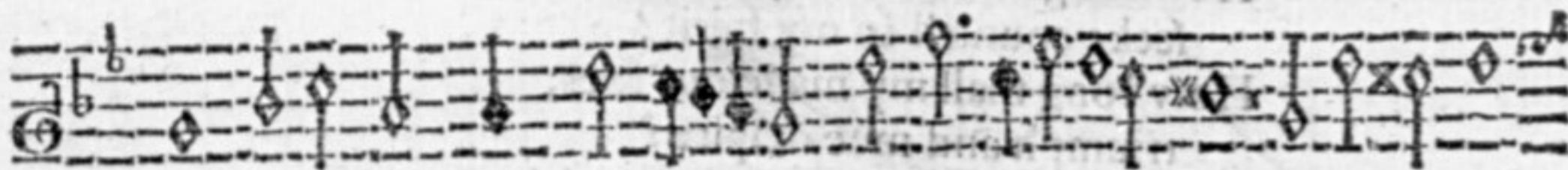
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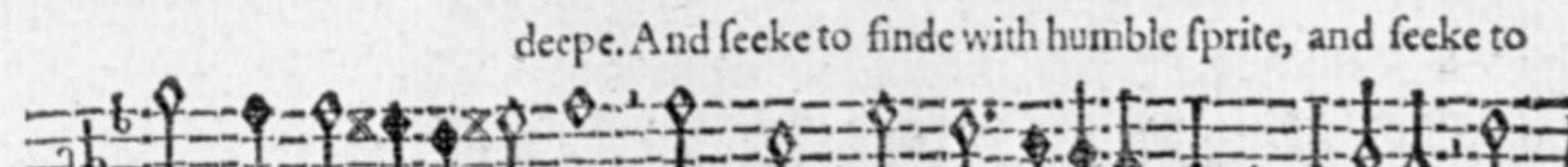
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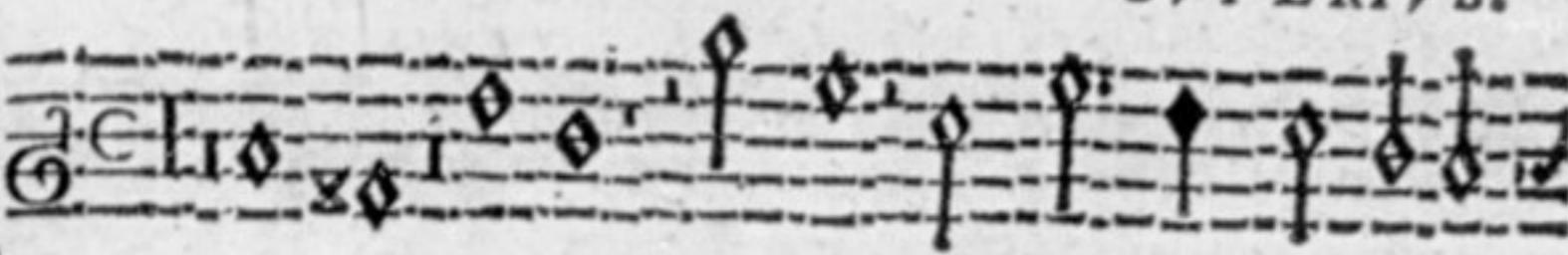


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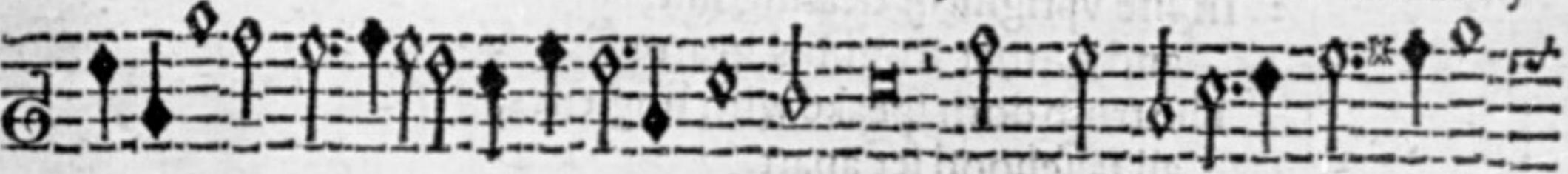
- 1 Lord, how long wilt thou forget,
to send mee some relife,
For euer wilt thou hide thy face,
and so increase my griefe ?
- 2 How long shall I with vexed heart,
feeke counsell in my spirit ?
How long shall my malicious foes,
triumph and mee despite ?
- 3 O Lord my God, heare my complaint,
uttered with wofull breath :
Lighten mine eyes, defend my lyfe,
that I sleep not in death.
- 4 Least that mine enemy say, I haue
against him loe preuayl'd :
At my downefall they will reioyce,
that thus haue mee assayl'd.
- 5 But in thy mercie Lord I trust,
for that shall mee defend :
My heart doth ioye, to see the help,
which thou to mee wilt send.
- 6 Vnto the Lord therefore I sing,
and doe lift vp my voyce :
And for his goodnesse shew'd to mee,
I will alway reioyce.

FINIS.



Lord, O Lord, O Lord, how long wilt thou forget,

to send mee some relieve, relieve? For euer wilt thou hide thy



face, & so increase my griefe? & so increase my griefe? How long shal I with vexed hart,



seeke counsell in my sprite? ij.

How long shall my malicious foes, tri-



umph, triumph & me de- spite, despite? How long shall my malicious foes, triumph,



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DUO Quid si non regit om



- 1 **O** Lord who in thy sacred tent,
 and holy hill shall dwell:
 Euen he that both in heart and mind,
 doth studie to doe well.
- 2 In life vpright,in dealing iust,
 and he that from his heart
 The truth doth speake with singlenes,
 all falsehood set apart.
- 3 With tongue besids that hurts no man,
 by false and ill report:
 Nor friend nor neighbour harme will doe,
 where euer hee resort.
- 4 That hates the bad, and loues the good,
 and faith that neuer breakes:
 But keeps alwaies though to his losse,
 the woord that ones he speakes.
- 5 Nor filthie gaine by loue that seekes,
 nor wealth so to possesse:
 Nor that for bribes, the guiltles soule,
 doth labour to oppresse.
- 6 Like as a mount so shall he stand,
 nothing shall him remoue:
 That thus shall doe, the Lord hath said,
 no man can it disroue.

FINIS.



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 & ho- ly hill shall dwell: Euen hee that both in hart
 and mind, doth studie to doewell. In life vpright, in dealing iust, & he that from his
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- 1 Elp Lord for wasted are those men,
which right'usnesse embrase:
And rarely found that faithfull are,
but all the truth deface.
- 2 Each to his neighbour falsehood speakes,
and them seekes to beguile:
With flattering lips and double heart,
when sinowest hee doth smile.
- 3 All flattering lips, the Lord our God,
in iustice will confound:
And all proud tongues, that vaunt great things,
hee will bring to the ground.
- 4 Our tongues say they, shall lift vs vp,
by them wee shall preuaile:
Who should vs let, or stop our course,
that thereof wee should faile.
- 5 For the destruction of the iust,
and such as bee opprest:
And for the mournings of the poore,
that likewise bee distrest.
- 6 I will ryse vp now saith the Lord,
and ease their grieve and care:
Of those which hee full craftely,
hath draw'n into his snare.
- 7 Like siluer fine that tried is,
seven times by heate of fire:
So are thy words Lord pure and cleane,
to such as them desire.
- 8 Thou Lord wilt keepe, and wilt defend,
all such as in thee trust:
And from that cursed race of men,
saue all such as bee iust.
- 9 When euill men exalted bee,
the wicked gad about:
Farre from all feare of paine, but thou
O Lord wilt roote them out.

FINIS.



Elp Lord for wasted are those men,wasted are those men,
 which right'usnes embrace:em-brace: And rarely found,that
 faithfull are,that faithfull are, but all the truth de-face. Each to his
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- 1 **L**Lessed is hee that feares the Lord,
hee walketh in his waies :
And sets his great delight therein,
the length of all his daies.
- 2 His seede and those which of him come,
mighty on earth shall bee :
The race of such as faithfull are,
men blessed shall them see.
- 3 Plenteousnesse within his house,
and want there shalbe neuer :
His righteous and vpright dealing
dure shall for euer.
- 4 In mistie clouds of troubles dark,
which doe the iust oppresse :
The Lord in mercie sends them light,
and easeth their distresse.
- 5 The righteous man is mercifull,
and lendeth where is neede :
Hee guides with iudgement all his things,
be it in word or deede.
- 6 Though stormes doe fall and tempests rise,
the righteous shall stand fast :
A good remembrance of the iust,
for euer that shall last.
- 7 None euill tidings shall him feare,
his heart is fully set :
Hee trusteth and beleeuers the Lord,
that will him not forget.
- 8 A stablished heart within his brest,
no feare where so hee goes :
The Lord in iustice will reuenge,
the mallice of his foes.
- 9 A hand that doth relieue the poore,
for which hee may bee sure :
A good report will follow him,
that alwaies shall endure.
- 10 This shall the wicked see and fret,
and wast away with ire :
Perish shall and consume to naught,
all that hee doth desire.

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Blessed is hee that fears the Lord, that fears the

Lord, hee walketh in his waies, & sets his great

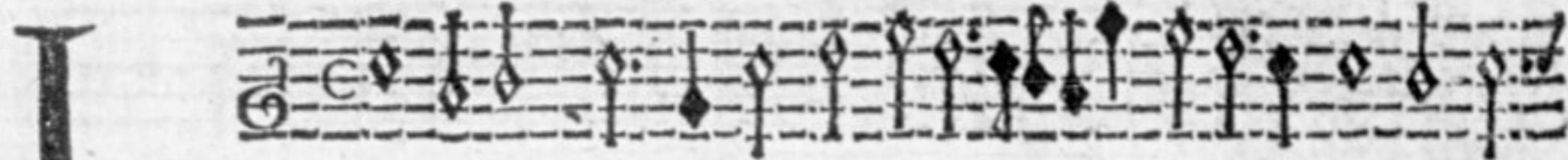
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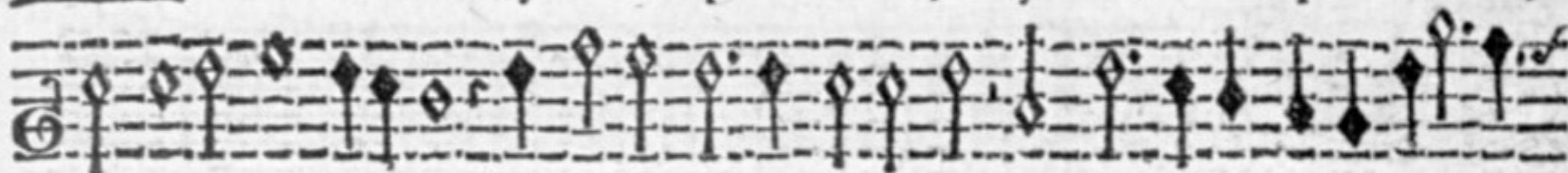
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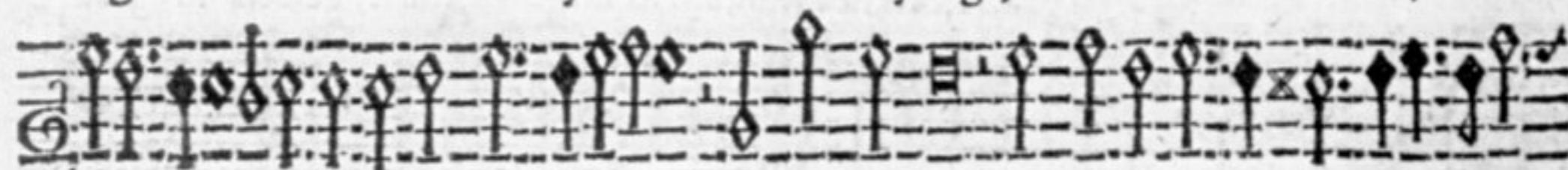
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Lord in thy wrath reproue me not, in thy wrath reproue me not,



though I deserue thine ire: Ne yet correct me in thy rage, O Lord I thee desire. ij.



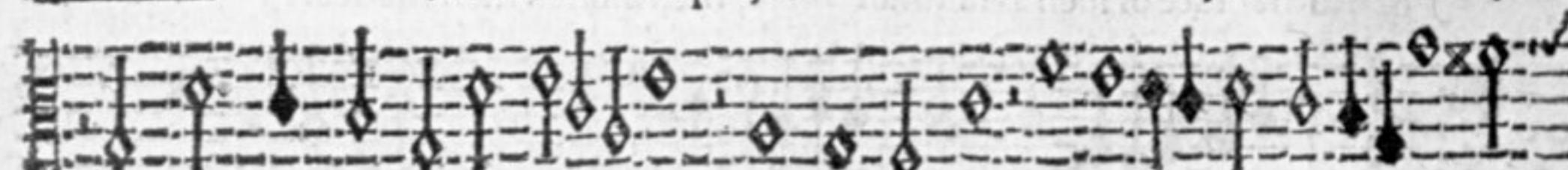
For I am weak, ij. therefore (O Lord) of mercie me forbear: And



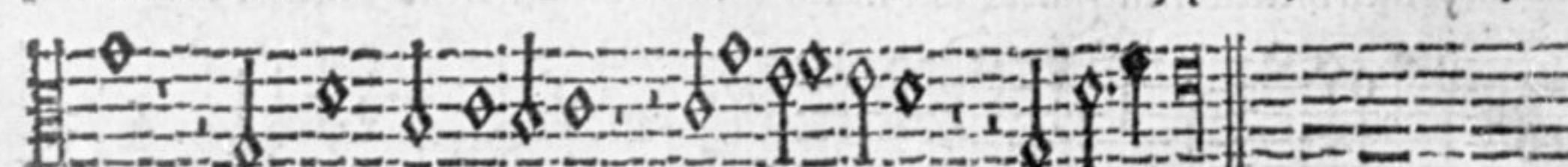
heale me lord, for why? thou know'st, my bons do quake for feare. ij. for fear.



Ven from the depth, vn- to thee Lord, vnto thee Lord,



with heart and voice I crie: I crie: Giue eare O God vnto my plaint, vnto my



plaint, and help my mi-se-ry. ij. my mi-se-ry.

GHere endeth the Psalms, and followeth the Sonets and Pastorales.



2 I wish but what I haue at will,
I wander not to seeke for more :
I like the plaine I clime no hill,
in greatest stormes I sit on shore :
and laugh at them that toyle in vaine,
to get what must bee lost againe.

3 I kisse not where I wish to kill,
I faine not loue where most I hate :
I breake no sleepe to winne my will,

I waite not at the mighty gate :
I scorne no poore nor feare no rich,
I feele no want nor haue to much.

4 The Court and cart I like not loath,
extremes are counted worst of all :
the golden meane beetweene them both,
doth surest fit and feare no fall :
this is my choyce, for why I finde,
no wealth is like the quiet minde.

FINIS.

D.

T Hough *Amarillis* daunce in greene, like Fayrie Queene, and sing
 full cleere, *Corina* can with smiling cheere : yet since their eyes make hart so
 sore, hey ho, chill loue no more. ij. chil loue no more. ij.
 no more. hey ho chil loue no more. ij. chil loue
 no more. ij. no more. chil loue no more.

- 2 My sheepe are lost for want of food,
 and I so wood :
 that all the day,
 I sit and watch a heardmaid gaye :
 who laughes to see mee sigh so sore,
 hey ho, chill loue no more.
- 3 Her louing lookes, her beautie bright,
 is such delight :
 that all in vaine,
 I loue to like, and lose my gaine :
 for her that thanks mee not therefore,
 hey ho, chill loue no more.

- 4 Ah wanton eyes my friendly foes,
 and cause of woes :
 your sweet desire,
 breedes flames of Ise and freeze in fire :
 yee skorne to see mee weep so sore,
 hey ho, chill loue no more.
- 5 Loue yee who list I force him not,
 sith God it wot,
 the more I wayle,
 the lesse my sighes and teares preuaile,
 what shall I doe but say therefore,
 hey ho, chill loue no more.

FINIS.

W

Ho likes to loue let him take heed, & wot you why,
Among the Gods it is decreed, that Loue shall die : and euerie wight
that takes his part, shall forfeite each,a mourning hart. and euery wight that takes
his part, shall forfeite each,a mourning heart.

2 The cause is this as I haue heard,
a sort of dames,
whose beautie he did not regard,
nor secret flames,
complainid before the gods aboue,
that gold corrupts the God of Loue.

3 The gods did strom to heare this newes,
and there they swore,
that sith hee did such dames abuse,
hee should no more
bee god of Loue, but that hee should
both dye, and forfeit all his gold.

4 His bow and shafts they tooke away,
beofre their eies,
and gaue these dames a longer day,
for to deuise,
who shold them keepe, and they bee bound,
that loue for gold shold not bee found.

These Ladies striuing long, at last
they dyd agree,
to giue them to a maiden chaste,
whome I dyd see :
who with the same did perce my brest,
her beauties rare and so I rest.

FINIS.

D.ij.

M

Y minde to me a kingdome is, such perfect ioy therin I find,

That it excells all other blisse, which God or Nature hath assign'd. Though much I

want, that most would haue, yet still my mind forbids to craue. Though much I want

that most would haue, yet still my minde forbids to craue. yet still my minde for-

bids to craue. to craue.

- 2 No princely port nor welthe store,
no force to winne a victorie.
no wylt wit to salue a sore,
no shape to winne a louing eye:
to none of these I yeld as thrall,
for why my minde despise them all.
- 3 I see that plentie surfets oft,
and hasty clymers soonest fall:
I see that such as are a loft,
mishap doth threaten most of all:
these get with toyle and keepe with feare,
such cares my minde can neuer beare.
- 4 I presse to beare no haughtie sway,
I wish no more then may suffice:
I doe no more then well I may,

- looke what I want my minde supplies,
Ioe thus I triumph like a King,
my minde content with any thing.
- 5 I laugh not at a nothers lotte,
nor grudge not at anothers gaine:
no worldly waues my minde can toss,
I brooke that is an others bane:
I feare no foe nor fawne on friend,
I loth not lyfe nor dread mine end.
- 6 My wealth is health and perfect easie,
and conscience cleere my chiese defence,
I neuer seeke by brybes to please,
nor by desert to giue offence:
thus doe I liue, thus will I dye,
would all did so as well as I.

FINIS.

Her fancie fond for plea- sure pleads, and reason keeps poore hope
in Iayle, ther time it is to take my beads, and pray, that beau- tie may preuaile:
or else dispaire, ij.
will win the field, wher reason, where reason, hope, and
plea
sure, yeeld. or else dispaire, ij.
will win the field, wher rea-
son, where reason, hope, and plea-
sure yeeld.

- 2 My eyes presume to iudge this case,
whose iudgement reason doth disdaine:
but beautie with her wanton face,
stands to defend, the case is plaine:
and at the barre of sweet delight,
she pleads that fancie must be right.
- 3 But shame will not haue reason yeeld,
though griefe doe sweare it shall be so:
as though it were a perfect shield,
to blush and feare to tell my woe:
where silence force will at the last,
to wish for wit when hope is past.
- 4 So farre hath fond desire out runne,
the bond which reason set out first:
that where delight the fray begun,
I would now say if that I durst:
that in her steed ten thousand woes,
haue sprong in field where pleasure growes.

- 5 O that I might declare the rest,
of all the toies which fancie turnes:
like towres of winde within my brest,
where fire is hid that never burnes,
then should I try one of the twaine,
either to loue, or to disdaine.
- 6 But since conceit dares not declare,
the strange conflict of hope and feare:
lest reason should be left so bare,
that loue durst whisper in mine eare,
and tell mee how my fancie shall,
bring reason to be beauties thrall.
- 7 I must therefore with silence build,
the Labyrinth of my delight:
till Loue haue try'd in open field,
which of the twaine shall win the fight:
I feare mee reason must giue place,
If fancie fond win beauties grace.

FINIS.

D.ijj.

O

You, that heare this voyce, O you y' see this face, say whether of the

choice, may haue the former place: Who dare iudge this de- bate, that it be void of

hate: This side doth beautie take, for y' doth Musick speak, fit Orators to make,

the strongest iudgements weak. The bar to plead their right, is onely

true de- light. The bar to plead their right, is onely true de- light.

3 Thus doth the voyce and face,
these gentle lawiers wage:
like louing brothers cast,
for fathers heritage:
that each, while each contends,
it selfe to other lends.

4 For beautie beautifies,
with heauenly hew and grace,
the heauenly harmonies,
and in that faultlesse face,
the perfect beauties bee,
a perfect harmonie.

5 Musicke more loftie swells,
in phrases finely plac'd:

Beautie as farre excells,
in action aptly grac'd:
a friend each partie drawes,
to countenance his cause.

6 Loue more affected seemes,
to beauties louely light,
and wonder more esteemes,
of Musick wond'rous might,
but both to both so bent,
as both in both are spent.

7 Musicke doth witnesse call,
the eare his truth doth trye:
Beautie brings to the hall,
eye witnesse of the eye,

each in his obiect such,
as none exceptions touch.

8 The comon sense which might,
bee arbiter of this:
to bee forsooth vpright,
to both sides parciall is:
hee layes on this chiefe praise,
chiefe praise on that hee laies.

9 Then Reason, princielle hie,
which sits in throne of minde:
and Musicke can in Skye,
with hidden beauties finde,
say whether thou wilt crowne,
with limit lesse renowne.

FINIS.

F women could be faire & neuer fond, or that their beautie might
 continue still : I would not meruaile though they made men bond, by seruice long,
 by seruice long to purchase their goodwill. But when I see, how frail, how frail, these
 creatures are: I laugh, I laugh, that men for-get themselues so far. But when I
 see, how fraile, how fraile, these creatures are: I laugh, I laugh, that men for-get
 themselues so far. forget themselues so far.

2. To marke what choise they make, and how they
 how leuing best the worst they chose out stil: (chāge
 And how like haggards wilde, about they range,
 Skorning after reason to follow will.

Who would not shake such buffards from the fist,
 & let them flic (faire foole) which way they list.

3. Yet for our sport, wee fawne and flatter both,
 To passe the time, when nothing else can please:
 And traine them on to yeeld by subtill oath,
 The sweet content, that giues such humor ease:
 And then wee say, when wee their follies trie,
 To play with fooles, Oh what a foole was I.

FINIS.



A

Mbitious loue hath forst me to a- spire, the beauties rare which

doe adorne thy face : Thy modest life yet bridles my desire, whose seuerē law doth pro-

mise mee no grace. But what? may loue liue vnder any law. No, no? his power ex-

ceedeth mans conceit : Of which the Gods thēselues doe stand in awe, for on his

frown, a thousand torments waight. Proced thē in this desperate enterprise, with good

aduise, & follow ioue thy guide, that leads thee to thy wished Paradise. to thy wished

Paradise. Para- dise. Thy climing thoughts, this comfort take with all, that if

it bee, thy foule disgrace to slide, thy braue attempt, shall yet excuse thy fall. thy braue

attempt shall yet excuse thy fall. shall yet excuse thy fall.



Hat pleasure haue great princes, more daintie to their
choice, then heardmen wild, who carelesse, in quiet life re-
joyce: & fortunes fate not fearing, sing sweet, in Sommer morning. & fortunes
fate not fearing, sing sweet, in Sommer morning.

- 2 Their dealings plaine and rightfull,
are voyde of all disceit:
they neuer know how spightfull,
it is to kneele and waite
on fauorite presumptuous,
whose pride is vaine and sumptuous.
- 3 All day their flocks each tendeth,
at night they take their rest,
more quiet than who sendeth
his shipp into the East,
where gold and pearle are plentie,
but getting very daintie.

- 4 For Lawiers and their pleading,
the steeeme it not a straw,
they think that honest meaning
is of it selfe a law,
where conscience iudgeth plainely,
they spend no mony vainely.
- 5 O happie who thus liueth,
not caring much for gold,
with clothing which suffiseth,
too keepe him from the cold,
though poore and plaine his diet,
yet merrie it is and quict.

FINIS.

E.



S I beheld, I saw a heardman wild, with his sheephook a picture

fine deface, which he sometime his fancie to beguild, had caru'd on barke of beech in

secret place, & with despite of most afflicted minde, through deepe dispaire, of hart,

for loue dismaid, he puld eu'en from the tree, the carued rind, & weping sore these

wofull words he said: ij. ah Philida, ij. would God

thy picture faire, I could as lightlie blot out of my brest, then should I not thus rage,

with great despight, & teare the thing sometime I liked best: but all in vaine,

ij. it booteh not god wot, what printed is in hart, ij.

on tree to blot. but all in vaine, ij. it booteh not god wot, what printed

XXI.

SUPERIVS.



is in hart, ij.

on tree to blot. on tree to blot.

XXI.

Although the heathen poets did Apollo famous praise, as
 one who for his Musickesweet, no peere had in his daies. ij.

Although the heathen, poets did, &c.

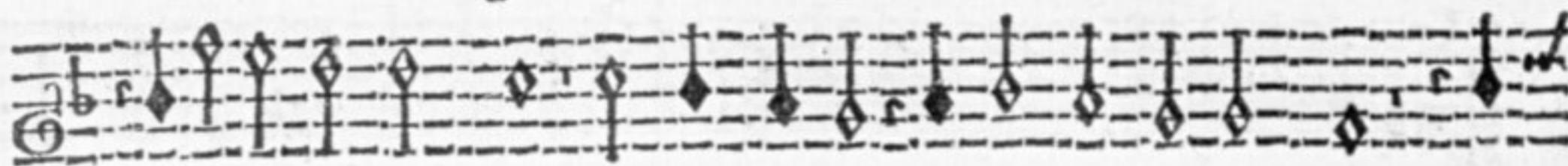
Bless to Heauen almighty God now am I ready
 to adorne the name of our Sire Englands
 and wrynt abouthead alredy to singe unto him
 to make my selfe well knowne to all the world
 to shewe my selfe to be a worthy sonne
 of this towne whereof I am a boordman
 to shew how now shew to all the world
 that I have stablished me selfe to be a
 good English man for more or lesse I
 thinke.

to shew to all the world to be a good English
 man for more or lesse I am a boordman
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Eij.



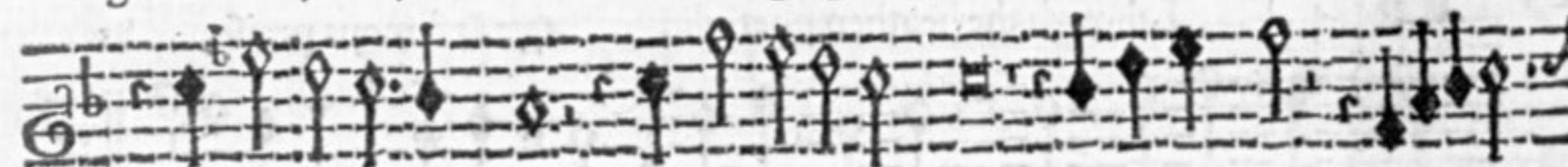
N fields abroad, wher Trumpets shrill do sound, wher
glaues & shields, do giue & take the knocks, wher bodies dead,



doe ouerspred the ground: & friends to foes, are common butchers blocks, A



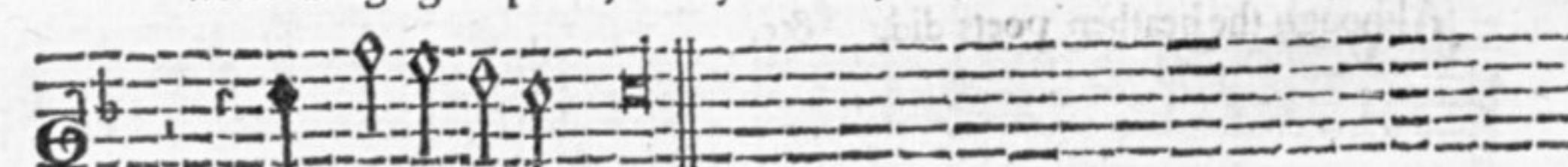
gallant shot, ij. well managing his peece, in my conceit, ij.



deserues a golden fleece. deserues a golden fleece. A gallant shot, ij.



well managing his peece, in my conceit, ij. deserues a golden fleece.



deserues a golden fleece.

Amid the seas, a gallant ship set out,
where in nor men nor yet munitions lacks,
in greatest winds that spareth not a clout,
but cuts the waues in spight of wethers wracks,
would force a swain þ comes of cowards kinde,
to change him selfe and be of nobleminde.

3 Who makes his seat a stately stamping stead,
whose neighes & playes are princely to behold,
whose courage stout, whose eyes are fiery red,

whose ioynts well knit, whose harnes all of gold,
doth well deserue to be no meaner thing,
þe Percian knight whose horse made him a king.

4 By that beside where sits a gallant Dame,
who casteth of her braue and rich attire,
whose petecote sets forth as faire a frame,
as mortall men or gods can well desire,
who sits and sees her petecote vnlaste,
I say no more, the rest are all disgrast.

FINIS.



Onstant *Penelope*, sends to thee carelesse *Vlisses*, write not againe,
 but come sweet mate thy selfe to reuiue mee. *Troy* wee doe much enuie, wee de-

solate lost Ladies of *Greece*: Not *Priamus*, nor yet all *Troy* can vs recompēce make.

Oh, oh, oh, that hee had when hee first tooke shippynge to Lacedemon, that

adulter I meane, had beeene o'rewhelmed with waters : Then had I not lien now

all alone, thus quiuering for cold, nor vsed this complaint, nor haue thought the

day to bee so long. Then had I not lien now all alone, thus quiuering for cold,

nor vsed this complaint, nor haue thought the day to bee so long.



A virginella è simil^o alla ro- sa,
 ch'in bel giardin sula natiua spi- na, Mentre
 sola è sicura si riposa Negregge, ne pastor se le anici na:
 L'aura soave, & l'alba rugia dosa, L'acqua, la terra, al
 s'ho fauor s'inchinna, Giona- niva- ghi, e donn' inamora-
 te, Amano hauerne, è seni e tempie orna- te. Giona-
 niva- ghi, e donn' inamora- te, Amano hauerne, e se-
 ni e tempie orna-

F

A rewelle false loue, the oracle of lies, a mortall foe, &

enimie to rest: An enuious boy, from whom all cares a- rise, A bastard vile,

a beast, with rage possest: A way of error, a temple full of treason, in

all effects contrarie vn- to reason. A way of error, a

temple full of treason, in all effects, contrarie vn- to reason.

- 2 A poisoned serpent couered all with flowers,
Mother of sighes, and murtherer of repose,
A sea of sorowes frō whence are drawē such flowers,
As moisture lend to euery griefe that growes,
A schole of guile, a net of deepe deceit,
A gilded hooke that holds a poisoned baite.
- 3 A fortresse foyld which reason dyd defend,
A Syren song, a feauer of the minde,
A maze wherein affection findes no ende,

- A raging cloud that runnes before the windē,
A substance like the shadow of the Sunne,
A goale of griefe, for which the wist runne.
4 A quenchlesse fire, a nurse of trembling feare,
A path that leades to perill and mishap,
A true retreat of sorrow and dispaire,
An idle boy that sleepes in pleasures lap,
A deepe mistrust of that which certaine seemes,
A hope of that which reason doubtfull deemes.

FINIS.

The first singing part.

XXVI.

SUPERIVS.



H E match that's made for iust and true re-

spects, with euennesse both of yeers, & parentage, of

force must bring forth many good effects. of force must bring forth many good ef-

fects. *Pari iugo dulcis tractus.* Pari in-

dulcis trac-

tus.

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dulcis trac-

tus.

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tus.

- 3 For where chaste loue and liking sets the plant,
And concord waters with a firme good will,
Of no good thing ther can be any want.

Pari iugo dulcis tractus.

- 3 Sound is the knot that chastitie hath tyde,
Sweet is the Musick evnitie doth make,
Sure is the store that plentie doth prouide.

Pari iugo dulcis tractus.

- 4 Where chastnesse fayles, ther concord wil decay,
Wher concord fleets, ther plentie will decreaſe,

Wher plentie wants, ther loue will weare away.

Pari iugo dulcis tractus.

- 5 I chastitie restraine all strange desires,
I Concord keep the course of sound consent,
I Plentie spare, and spend as cause requires.

Pari iugo dulcis tractus.

- 6 Make much of vs, all yee that married bee,
Speake well of vs, all yee that minde to bee,
The time may come, to want and wish all throe.

Pari iugo dulcis tractus.

FINIS.

Heere endeth the Sonets and Pastoralls, and followeth Songs of Sadnesse and pietie.



Rrostrate O Lord, ij. I lie, bee hold, ij.

me lord, with pittie, stop not thine eares against my cry,

my sad and mourning dittie, Breath'd from an inward soule, from hart hartly contrite,

an offering sweet, a sacrifice, in thy high heauenly sight. in thy high heauenly sight.

2 Obserue not finnes O Lord,
for who may then abide it,
but let thy mercie cancell them,
thou hast not man deni'd it,
man nuelting with remorse and thoughts,
thought past repenting,
O lighten Lord, O heare our songs,
our finnes full sore lamenting.

3 The wonders of thy works,
aboue all reason reacheth,
and yet thy mercie aboue all
this, vs thy spirit teacheth,
then let no sinner dispaire,
in depth of soule dispaire,
since neuer soule so foule there was,
but mercie made it faire.

FINIS.

The first singing part.

XXVIII.

SUPERIUS.



L as a Sea, the world no other is, our selues are ships
still tossed to & fro, and loe, each man, his loue to that or this,
is like a storne, that driues the ship to goe, that thus our life in doubt of shipwrack
stands, our wils the rocks, our want of skill the sands. That thus our life in doubt of
shipwrack stands: our wils the rockes, our want of skill the sands.

¶ Our passions be Pirates still that spoyle,
and ouerboard cast's out our reasons fraught:
the Marriners that day and night doe toyle,
bee our conceits that doe on pleasure waight:
pleasure Master doth tirannize the Ship,
and giueth Vertue secretly the nipp.

¶ The compasse is a minde to compasse all,
both pleasure, profit, place and fame, for naught:
the windes that blow men ouerweening call,
the Merchandise is wit full deereley bought:
tryal the Anker cast vpon experience,
for labor, lyfe, and all a doe the recompence.
FINIS.



Vsanna faire, sometime assaulted was, by two old men
desiring their de-light: whose false entent, they thought to
bring to passe, If not by tender loue, by force & might; to whom shée said, if I
your sute de- nyē, you will mee falsely accuse, and make mee die. To whom shēo
said, if I your sute de- nyē, you will mee falsely accuse, and make mee dyē.

a And if I graunt to that which you request,
my chastitie shall then defloured bee,
which is so deere to mee that I detest

my lyfe, if it be refeted bee from mee?
And rather would I dye of mine accord,
ten thousand times, then once offend the Lord.
FINIS.



F that a sinners sighes, ij. bee An-

gels food, or that repentaunt teares bee Angels winc,

Angels wine, accept O Lord, in this most pen- sive mood, these

hartie sighes and teares of

mine:these hartie sighes & teares of

mine:That went with Peter forth most sinfullie, most sin- ful- ly, but

not with Peter wept most bitter-

lie. That went with Peter foorth,most sinful-

lie, most sin-

ful- lie, but not with Peter wept most bitterly, with

Peter wept most bitter- lic.

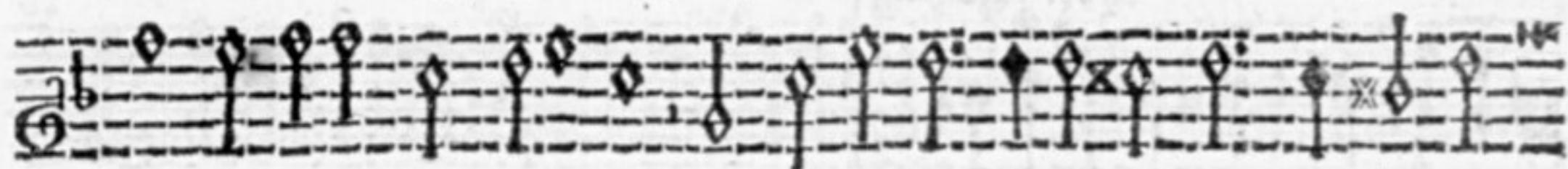
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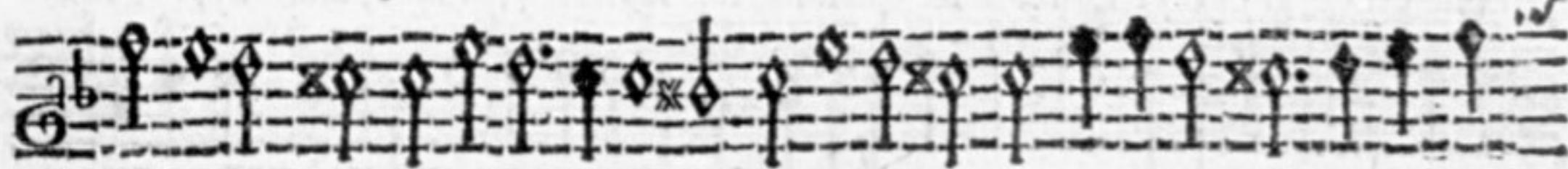
Are for thy soule as thing of greatest price, care for thy



soule as thing of greatest price, made to the end to tast of power de-



uine, deuine, of power de- uine, deuoide of guilt, abhorring sinne and vice, apt



by Gods grace to vertue to encline: to encline, care for it so, as by thy



retchlesse traine, it bee not brought to tast, e- ter- nall



paine, care for it so, as by thy retchlesse traine, it be not brought to



tast e- ter

nall paine.

2 Care for thy corps, but chiefly for souls sake
cut of excelle, sustaining food is best,
to vanquish pride, but comely clothing take,
seeke after skill, deep ignorance detest:
Care so I say, the flesh to feed and cloth,
that thou harme not thy soule & body both.

3 Care for the world to doe thy body right,
rake not thy wit to win by wicked waies,
seeke not to oppresse the weak by wrongfull

to pay thy due doe banish all delaies:

Care to dispend according to thy store,
and in like sort be mindfull of the poore.

4 Care for thy soule, as for thy chiefest stay,
care for thy bodie for the soules auiale,
care for the world for bodies help alway,
care yet but so as vertue may preuaile,
care in such sort that thou be sure of this,
care keep thee not frō heauen & heauely blis.

(might,

FINIS.

F.ij.



Vlla,lullaby,lul- laby, lulla lullaby,lul- la,lulla- by my

sweet little baby, ij.

my sweet little baby,what

meanest thou to crye,Lulla, lullaby,la lulla, lul- la,lullaby, la lulla,lulla- by, la

lulla, la lul-la-by, la lulla-by,la lul-la-by,lul-la-by,my sweet little ba-

by.ba- by.

The second
part.

Ee still my blessed babe, my blessed babe, though cause

thou hast to mourne:though cause thou hast to mourne,whose bloud most innocent

to shed,the cruel king hath sworne.the cruell king hath sworne.& lo, alas,bee- hold,

what slaughter he doth make,shedding y blod of infants all, of in- fants all,sweet

sauiour for thy sake, for thy sake. A king, a king is borne, they say: which king this king,
 would kill, oh woe, woe, oh woe, & woful, & woful heauy day, heauy day,
 when wretches haue their wil. ij. oh woe, woe, oh woe & woful, &
 wofull heauie day, heauy day, when wretches haue their will. ij.

Lulla, la lulla, lulla lullaby,
 My sweet little Babie, what meanest thou to cry.

- 2 Three kings this King of kings to see, are come from farre,
 To each vnownen, with offerings great, by guiding of a Starre:
 And shepherds heard the song, which Angells bright did sing,
 Giuing all glory vnto God, for comming of this King,
 Which must bee made away, king Herod would him kill,
 Oh woe and wofull heauie day, when wretches haue their will.
 Lulla la lulla, lulla lullaby, my sweet, &c.

- 3 Loe, my little Babe, bee still, lament no more,
 From furie shalt thou step aside, help haue wee still in store:
 Wee heauenly warning haue, some other soyle to seeke,
 From death must flie the Lord of life, as Lamb both myld & meeke:
 Thus must my Babe obey the king that would him kill,
 Oh woe, and wofull heauie day, when wretches haue their will.
 Lulla, la lulla, lulla lullaby, my sweet, &c.

- 4 But thou shalt liue and raigne, as *Sibilles* haue foresayd,
 As all the Prophets prophesie, whose mother yet a maide,
 And perfect Virgin pure, with her brestes shall vpbreede,
 Both God and man that all hath made, the Sonne of heauenly seedes:
 Whome caytives none can traye, whome tyrants none can kill,
 Oh joy, and joyfull happie day, when wretches want their will.

FINIS.



HY doe I vse my paper inck and pen,& pen,

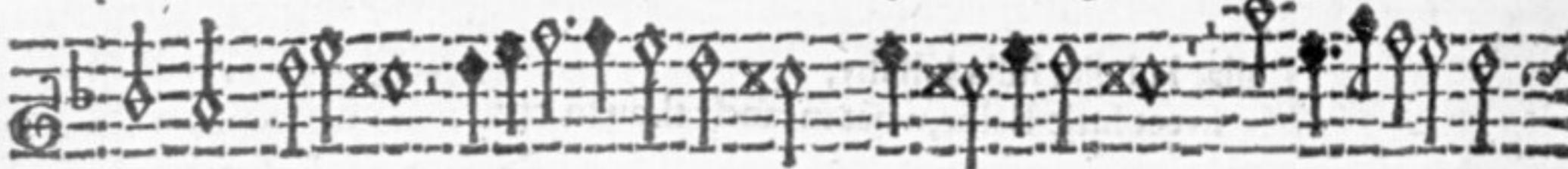
and cal my wits to counsel what to fay,



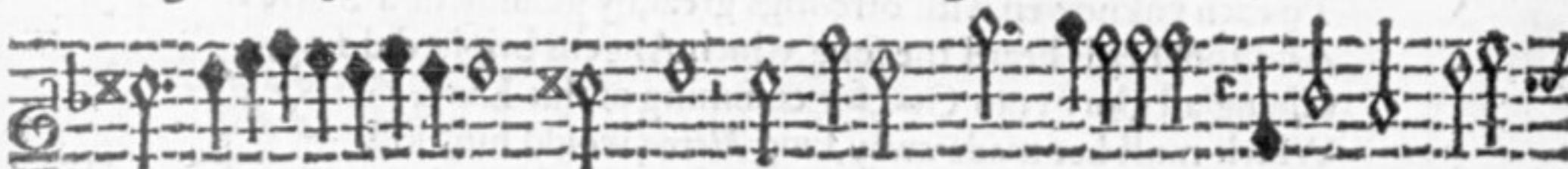
such memories were made for mortall men, were made for mortall men, I



speak of Saints,whose names can- not de- caye: an Angels trump, ij. an



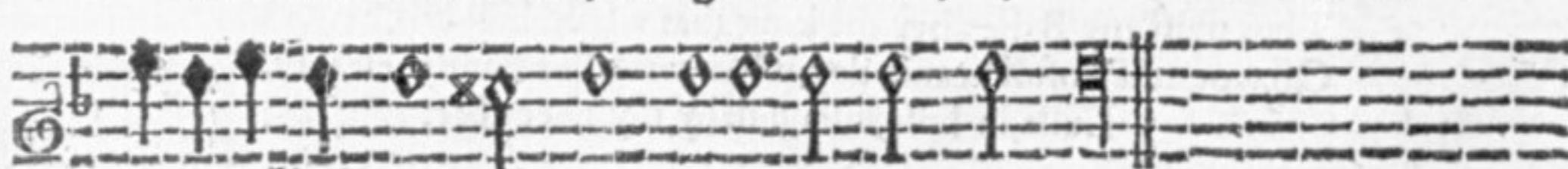
Angels trump, were fitter for to sound,their glorious death, ij. if



such on earth were foûd. an Angels trump, ij. an Angels trump,



were fitter for to sound,their glorious death, ij. if such on



earth were found. if such on earth were found.

2. That store of such were once on earth pursu'd,
the histories of ancient times record,
whose constancie great tyrants rage subdu'd,
through patiēt death professing Christ their lord
as his Apostles perfect witnesse beare,
with many more that blessed Martjrs were.

3. Whose patience rare & most courageous minde,
with fame renoun'd perpetuall shall endure,
by whose examples wee may rightly finde,
of holy lfe and death a patterne pure:
that wee therefore their vertues may embrace,
pray wee to Christ to guide vs with his grace.
FINIS.

The funerall songs of that honorable Gent. Sir Phillip Sidney, Knight.



Music score for three voices (SATB) in common time, treble clef, and G major. The lyrics are as follows:

Ome to mee grieſe for euer, Come to mee
 teares day and night, Come to mee plaint, ah
 helpleſſe, Iuſt grieſe heart teares, plaint worthie Iuſt grieſe heart teares,
 plaint worthie plaint worthie.

- 2 Goe fro mee dread to die now,
 Goe fro mee care to liue more,
 Goe fro mee ioyes all on earth,
 Sidney, O Sidney is dead.
 3 Hee whom the Court adorned,
 Hee whom the countrie courtis'd,
 Hee who made happie his friends,
 Hee that dyd good to all men.

- 4 Sidney the hope of land strange,
 Sidney the floure of England,
 Sidney the ſpirite heroic,
 Sidney is dead O dead,dead,
 5 Dead? no,no,but renomed,
 With the anoynted oned,
 Honor on earth at his feete,
 Bliffe euerlaſting his ſeate.

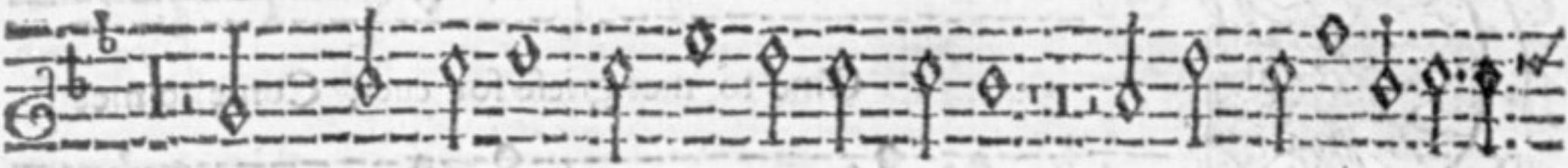
Come to mee grieſe, &c.

FINIS.

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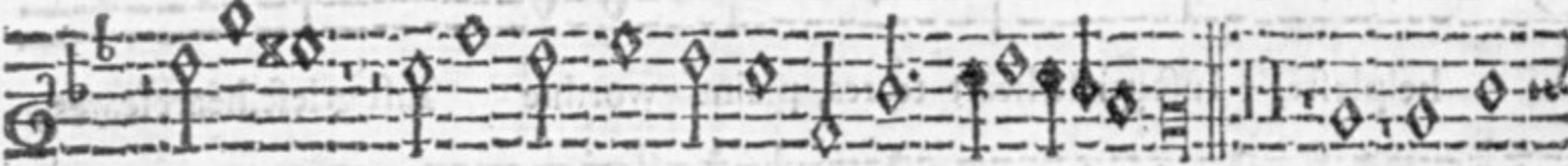
O that, O that most rare brest, christaline sincere,



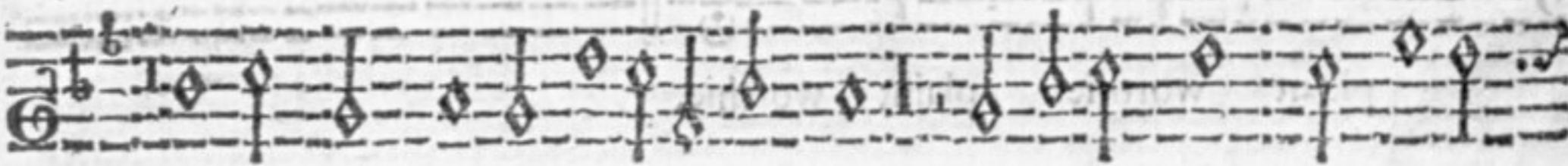
through which like gold thy princely heart did shine, O sprite heroic, O vali-



ant worthie knight, O Sidney, O Sidney prince of fame & mens good will.



O Sidney, O Sidney, prince of fame & mens good will. For, for thee,



for thee both kings & princesses doe morne, thy noble Tombe, three Cities



strange desird, Foes to the cause thy prowes did defend, beewaile the day,



beewaile the day that crost thy famous race. beewaile the day, ij.



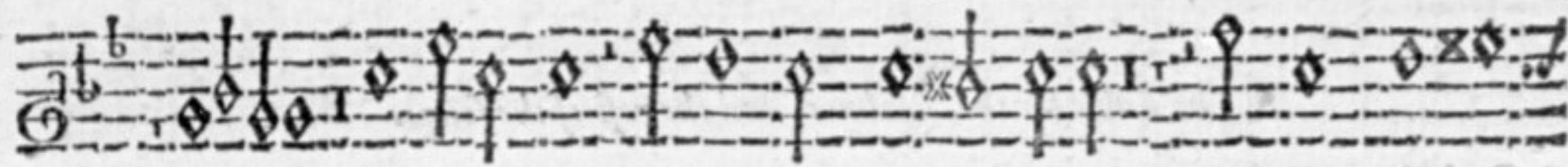
that crost thy famous race. The dolefull debt due to thy hearse I



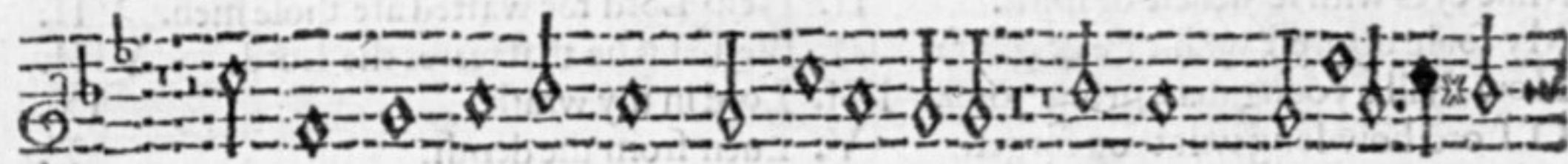
pay, teares frō the soule, that aye thy want shall moane, and by my will my life



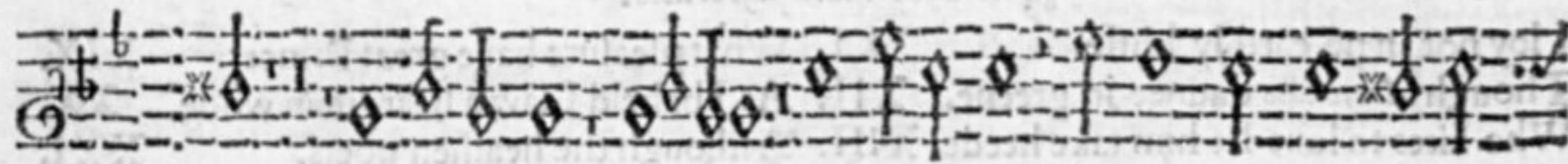
it selfe would yeeld, if heathen blame ne might, my faith disdaine : O heauie time,



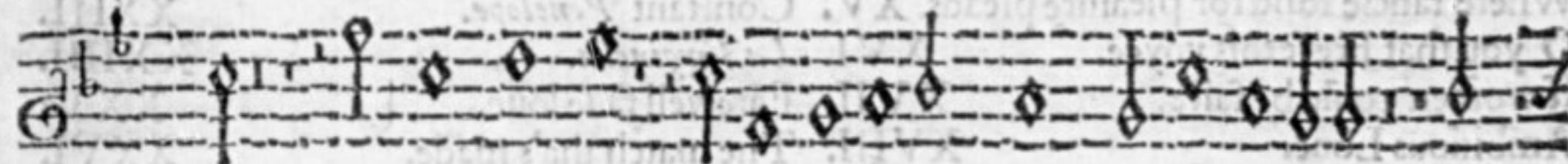
ij. O heauie time, that my daies draw behind thee, thou dead dost liue,



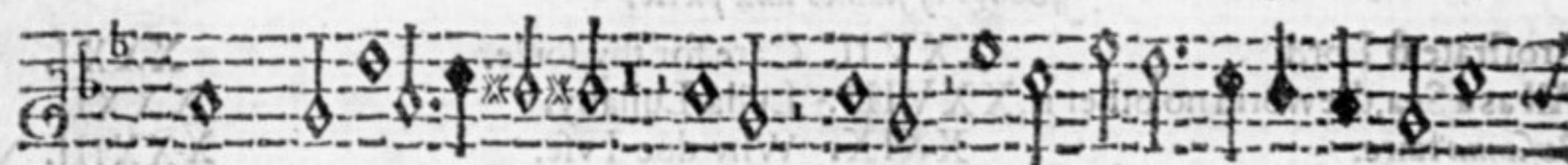
thou dead dost liue, thy friend heere liuing dieth. thy friend heere liuing di-



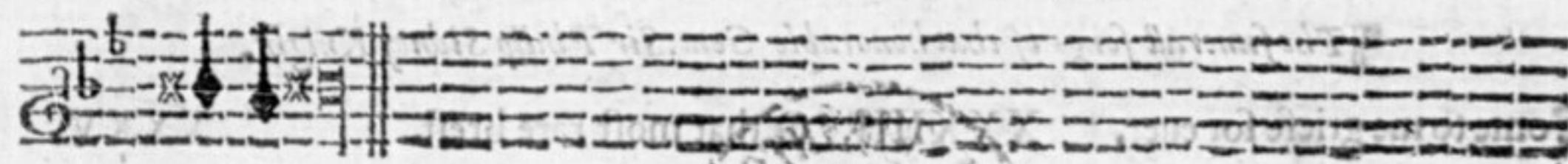
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thee, thou dead dost liue, ij. thy friend heere liuing dieth. thy



friend heere liuing, dieth, dieth, dieth, dieth, di-



eth.





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¶ The Table for the Psalms, and the rest of the songs.

- O God giue eare and doe apply.
Mine eyes with feruencie of spirit.
My soule opprest with care & griefe.
How shall a young man prone to ill.
O Lord how long wilt thou forget.
- I. O Lord who in thy sacred tent. VI.
II. Help Lord for wasted are those men. VII.
III. Blessed is he that feares the Lord. VIII.
III. Lord in thy wrath. IX.
V. Euen from the depth. X.

¶ The Sonets and pastorales.

- I ioy not in no earthly blisse.
Though Amarillis daunce in greene.
Who likes to loue let him take heede.
My minde to mee a kingdome is.
Where fancie fond for pleasure pleads.
O you that heere this voyce.
If women could be faire.
Ambitious Loue.
- XI. What pleasure haue great Princes. XIX.
XII. As I beheld I saw a heardman wilde. XX.
XIII. Although the heathen poets. XXI.
XIII. In fields abroade. XXII.
XV. Constant Penelope. XXIII.
XVI. La Virginella. XXIII.
XVII. Farewell false loue. XXV.
XVIII. The match tha's made. XXVI.

¶ Songs of sadness and pietie.

- Prostrate & Lord.
All as a Sea, the world no other is.
Susanna faire.
If that a sinners sighes.
- XXVII. Care for thy soule. XXXI.
XXVIII. Lulla, Lullaby. XXXII.
XXIX. Why doe I vse. XXXII.
XXX.

¶ The funerall songs of that honorable Gent. Sir Philip Sidney Knight.

- Come to me griefe for euer. XXXIII. O that most rare brest. XXXV.
FINIS.