

The greedy Hawk with sudden sight of lure

Geoffrey Whitney (c.1548-c.1601)

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Superius
The gree-dy Hawk with sud-den sight of _____ lure

Tenor
The gree-dy Hawk, The gree - dy Hawk with

Bassus
The gree - dy Hawk,

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of lure, _____ with sud-den sight, with sud-den sight of lure doth

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sud-den sight of _____ lure with sud-den sight, with sud - den sight_ of lure

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The gree - dy Hawk with sud-den sight_ of _____ lure doth stoop, _

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stoop, doth stoop in hope to have her wish - èd _____ prey;

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doth stoop, doth stoop in hope_ to have, in hope to have her wish - èd prey; So

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_ doth stoop in hope to have _____ her wish - èd prey, her wish -

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So ma - ny men do_ stoop to sights un - sure, to sights_

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ma - ny men do_ stoop to sights_ un - sure, So ma - ny men do stoop to

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èd prey; So ma - ny men do_ stoop, so ma - ny men do_ stoop_

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un-sure, to sights un-sure, and cour-teous speech doth keep.
sights un-sure, to sights un-sure, and cour-teous speech doth keep them at the
to sights un-sure, and cour-teous speech, and cour-teous

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them at the bay, and cour-teous speech doth keep them at the bay: Let them be-ware,
bay, doth keep them at the bay: Let them be-ware, let them be-ware
speech doth keep them at the bay, the bay: Let

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let them be-ware lest friend-ly looks be like, be like the lure
lest friend-ly looks be like, let them be-ware lest friend-ly looks be like the
them be-ware, lest friend-ly looks be like, be like the lure where-at the

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where-at the soa-ring Hawk did strike, where-at the
lure where-at the soa-ring Hawk did
soa-ring Hawk did strike, did strike, where-

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soa - ring Hawk did strike, did strike, where - at the soa - ring Hawk did strike, where - at the soa - ring

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- at the soa - ring Hawk, the soa - ring Hawk did strike. Hawk did strike, the soa - ring Hawk did strike. Hawk did strike, did strike, the soa - ring Hawk did strike.

The greedy Hawk with sudden sight of lure
 Doth stoop in hope to have her wished prey;
 So many men do stoop to sights unsure,
 And courteous speech doth keep them at the bay:
 Let them beware lest friendly looks be like
 The lure whereat the soaring Hawk did strike.

George Whitney (c.1548-c.1601) ¹

¹John Harley writes this comes from Whitney's 'A choice of emblemes' (1586) but I was unable to find it in the text.
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