

# O Pretious time

*Private Musicke. Or the First Booke of Ayres and Dialogues, 1620, No. 5.*

Martin Peerson (c.1571-c.1651)

Cantus

Contra-Tenor

Tenor

Bassus

O Pre-tious time, cre-a-ted by the might of his blest  
And wise-ly par-ted in-to day and night, For his best

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word, use That and ser-vice of the made all come-ly fea-tures, Cre-a-tures, Oh woe is

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mee, oh woe is me that have mis-spent this  
That have mis-spent, that have mis-spent this  
That have mis-spent this trea-sure, In  
that have mis-spent this trea-sure, In

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treasure, In vaine de-light of fond and wick-ed plea-sure.  
treasure, In vaine de-light of fond and wick-ed plea-sure.  
vaine de-light of fond and wick-ed plea-sure.  
vaine de-light of fond, of fond and wick-ed plea-sure.