Olde Asse Ballads



to be Sung by everie Auncient Animal not just Affes

Samuel Piper

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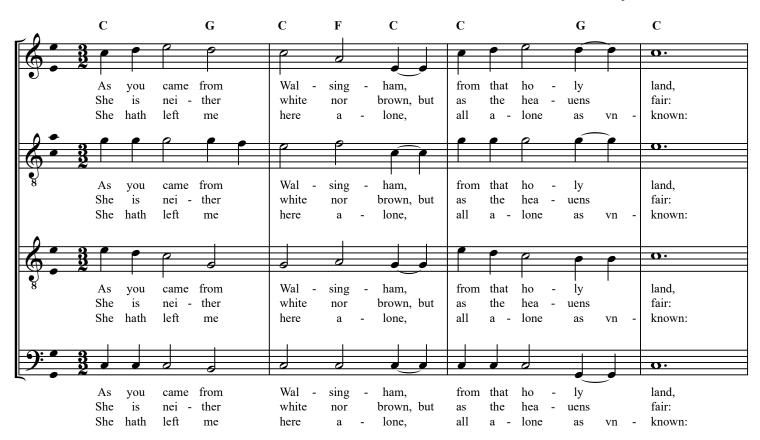
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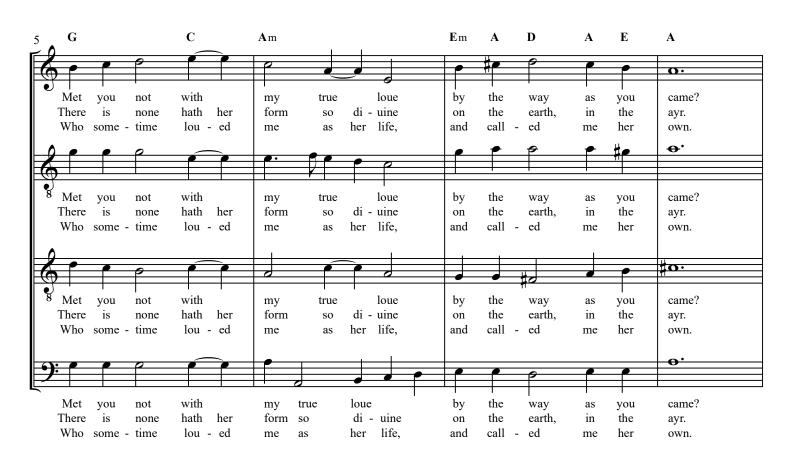


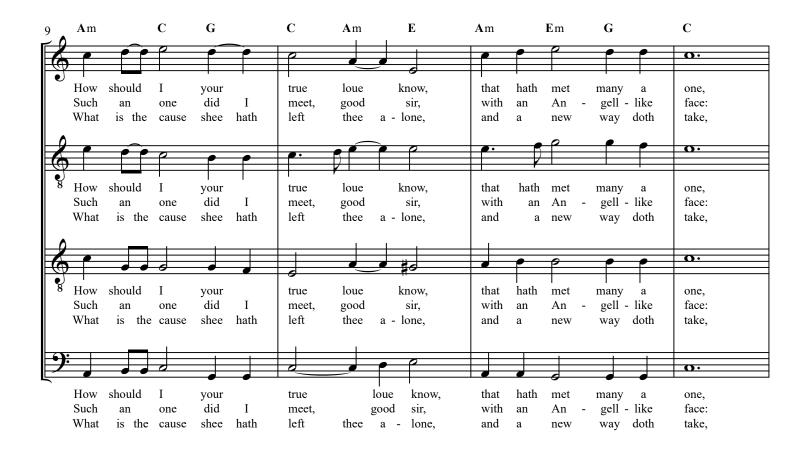
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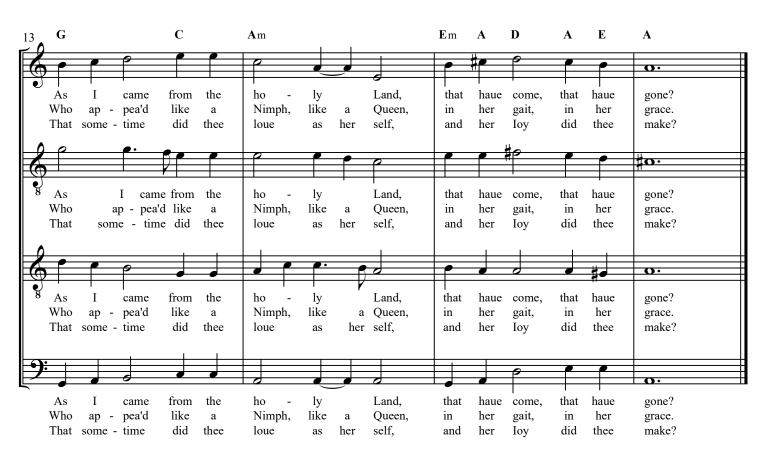
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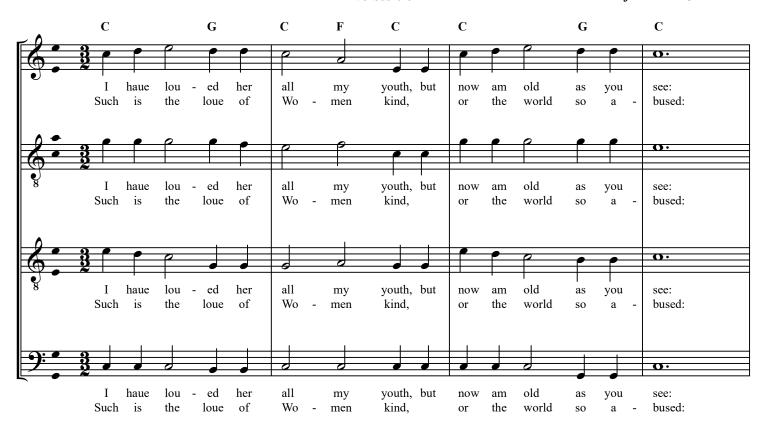


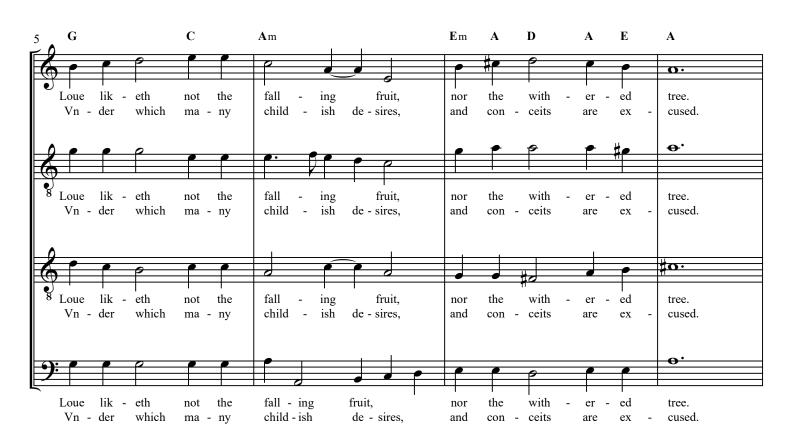


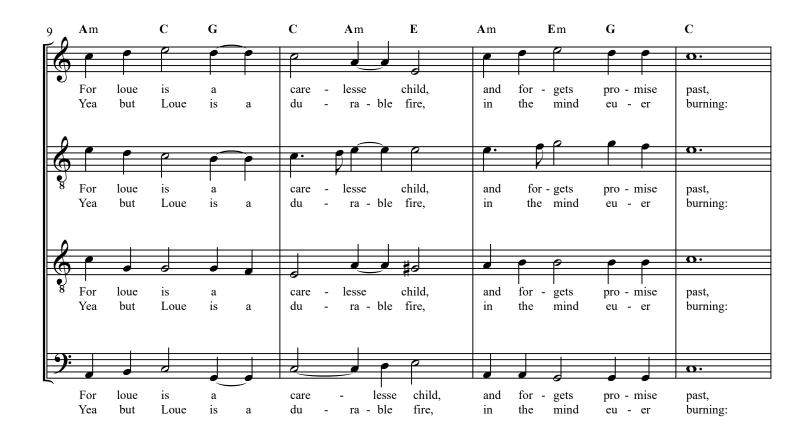
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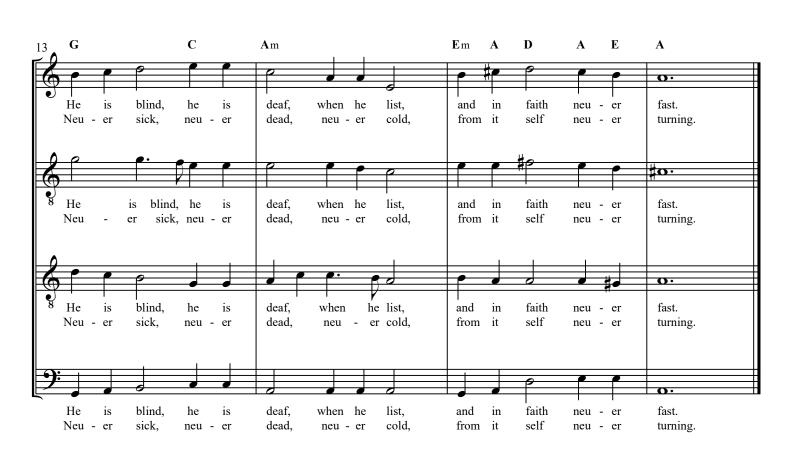
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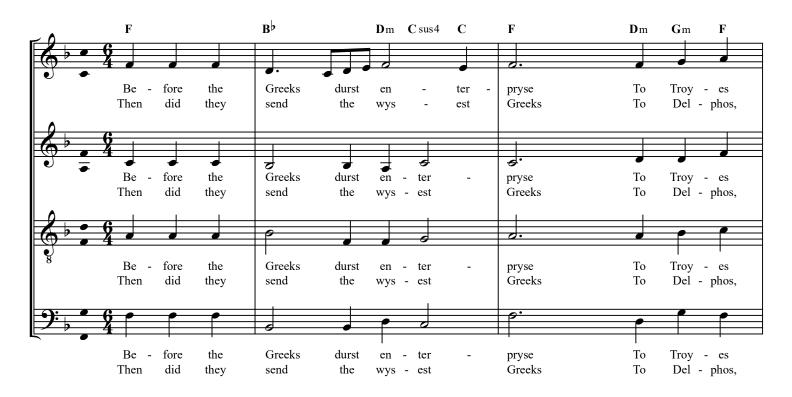


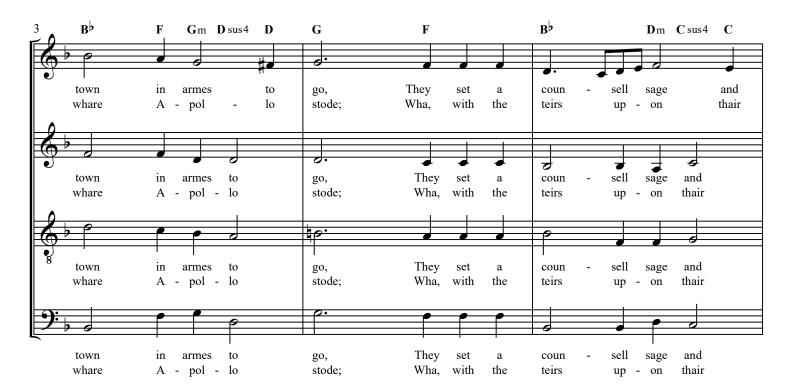


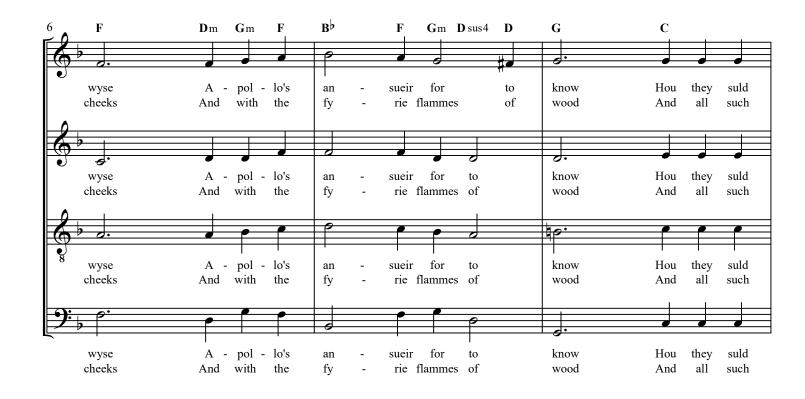
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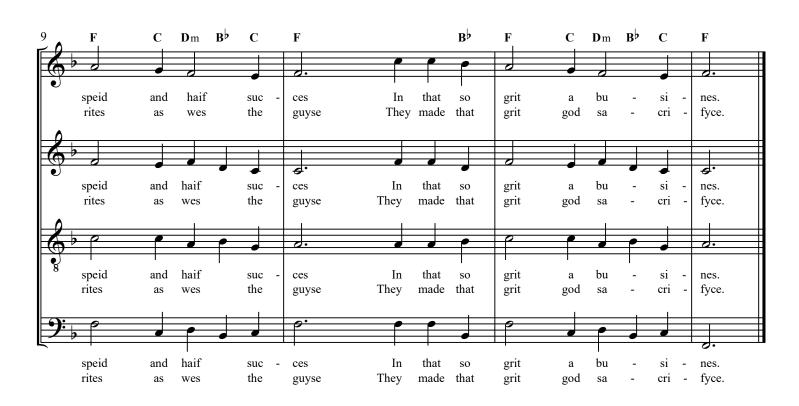
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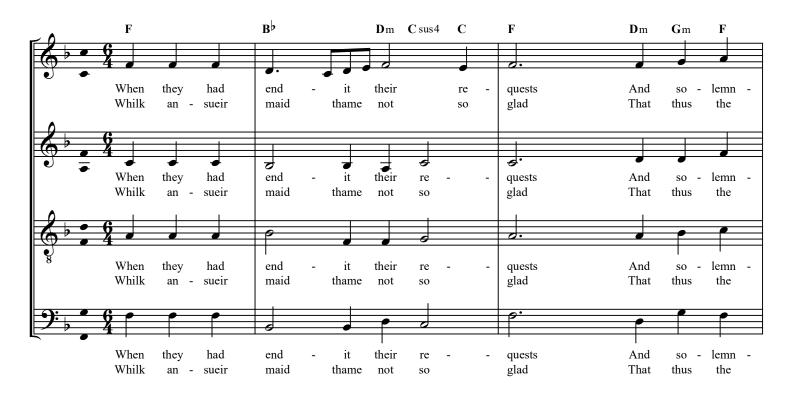


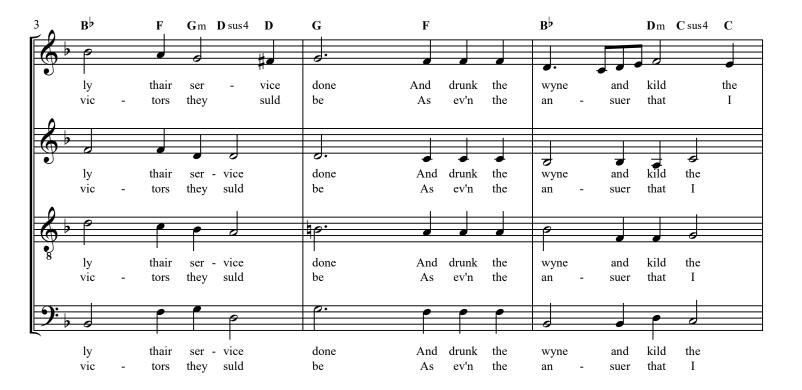


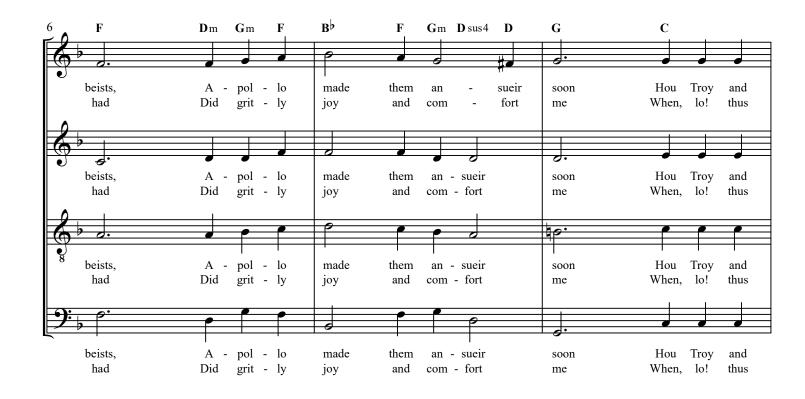
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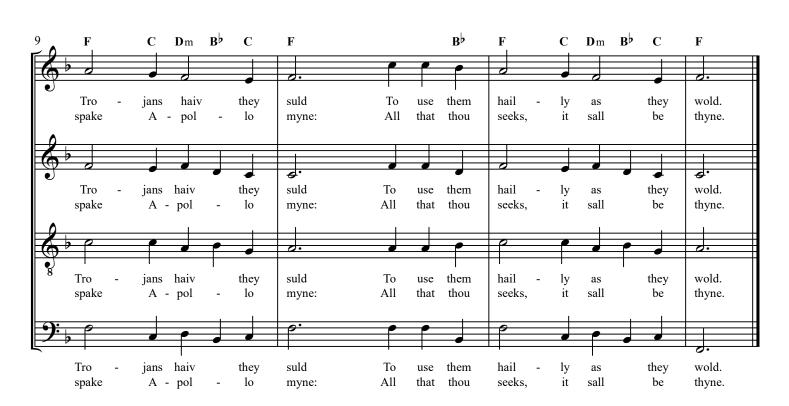
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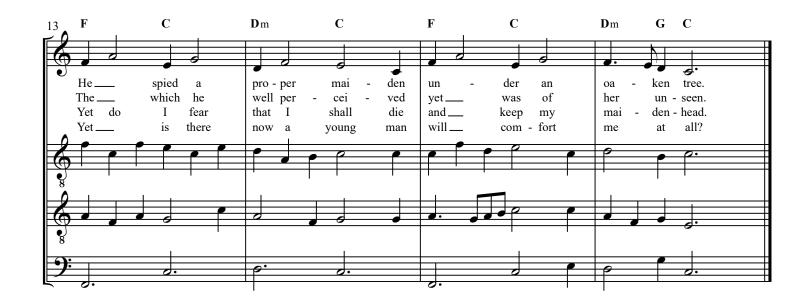












The young man which listened and mark'd her grievous moan, Was sorry for to see her sit musing all alone.

He nimbly leapt unto her which made the maid to start, But when he did embrace her, it joyed her woeful heart.

Fair maid, quoth he, why mourn you?
What means your heavy cheer?
Be rul'd by me, I pray you
and to my words give ear.
A pleasant note I'll tell you,
your sadness to expel.
Good sir, how do you call it?
The truth unto me tell.

'Tis call'd the carman's whistle, a note so sweet and good, It will turn a woman's sadness into a merry mood.
Good sir then, let me hear it, if it be no harm.
Doubt not, quoth he, fair maiden, I'll keep you in mine arm.

But first, let me entreat you with patience to attend
Till I have brought my music unto a perfect end.
If I may hear your whistle, quoth she, I will be still,
And think so I molest you,
'tis sore against my will.

When he to her had whistled a merry note or two,
She was so blithe and pleasant she knew not what to do.
Quoth she, of all the music that ever I did know,
The carman's whistle
Shall for my money go.

Good sir, quoth she, I pray you,
Who made this pleasant game?
Quoth he, a youthful carman
Did make it for his dame.
And she was well contented
with him to bear a part.
God's blessing, quoth the maiden,
light on the carman's heart.

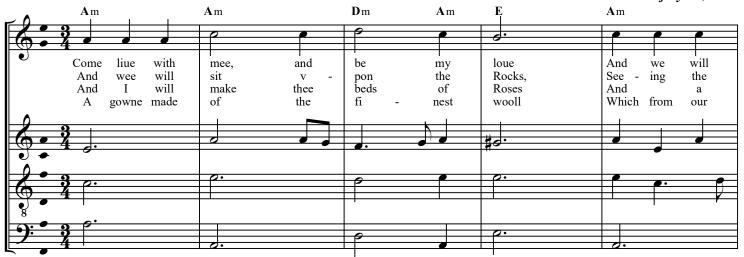
For never was I pleased more better in my life
Than with the carman's whistle which pleaseth maid and wife.
And sir, I do beseech you, however I do speed,
To let me hear your whistle when I so stand in need.

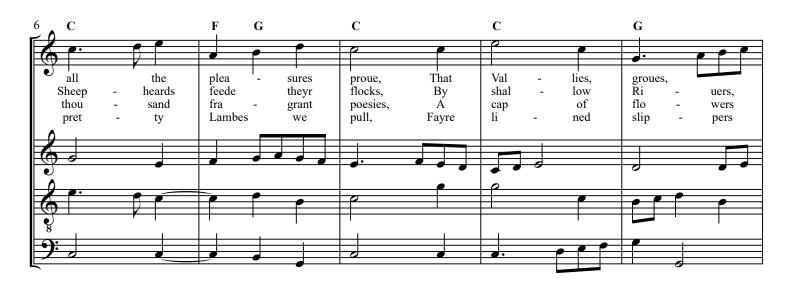
Quoth he, farewell, fair maiden, and as you like this sport,
So of the carman's whistle
I pray you give good report.
Good sir, quoth she, I thank you for this, your token pain,
But when shall we, I pray you, meet in this place again?

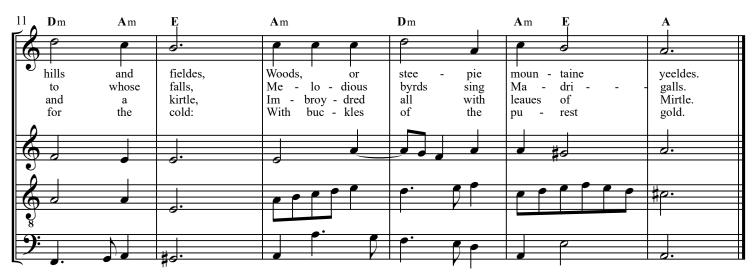
Quoth he, at any season by day or night, Command the carman's whistle for pleasure and delight; And count me slack and slothful if twice you send for me. I'faith, then, quoth the maiden, I'll give thee kisses three.

Come liue with me and be my Loue The Passionate Sheepheard to his Loue.

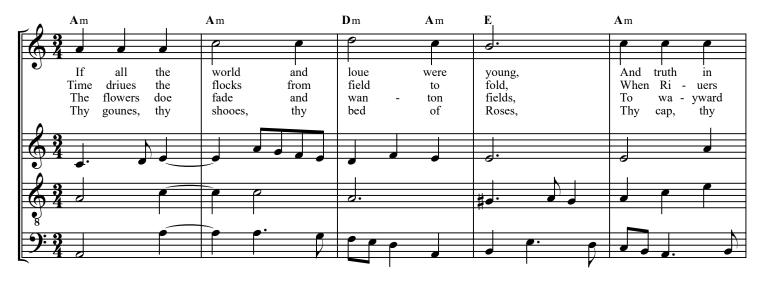
lyrics by Christopher Marlowe The Passionate Pilgrim, 1599 melody: William Corkine Second Book of Ayres, 1612

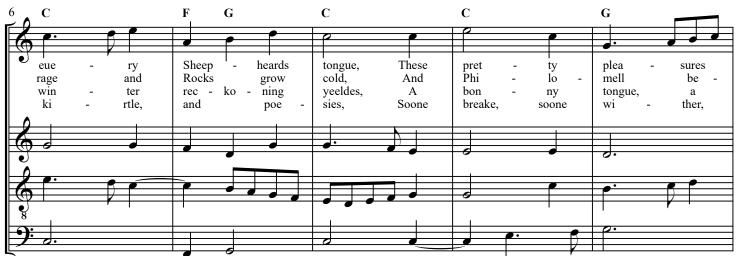


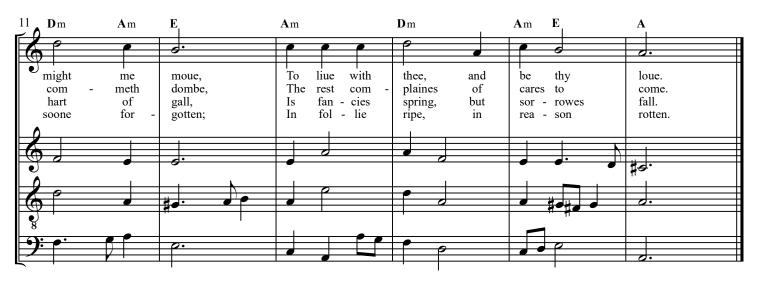




A belt of straw, and Iuie buds, With Corall clasps and Amber studs, And if these pleasures may thee moue, Come liue with mee, and be my loue. The Sheepheards Swaines shall daunce and sing, For thy delight each May-morning, If these delights thy mind may moue; Then liue with mee, and be my loue.







Thy belt of straw and ivy buds,
Thy coral clasps and amber studs,
All these in me no means can moue
To come to thee and be thy loue.

If youth could last, and loue still breede,
Had joyes no date, nor age no neede,
Then these delights my mind might moue
To liue with thee and be thy loue.

Come, sweet love, let sorrow cease

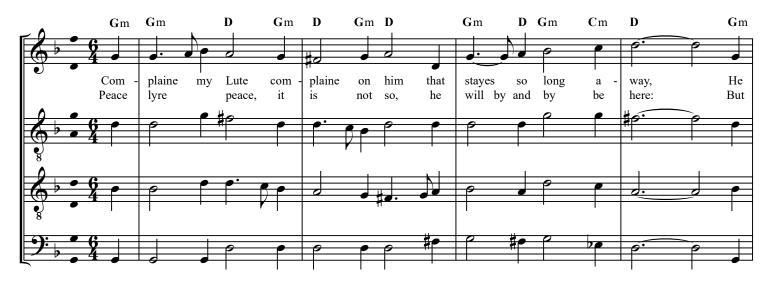
Anon. lyrics from *The golden* garland of princely pleasures and delicate delights, 1620 tune is "Bara Faustus Dream"

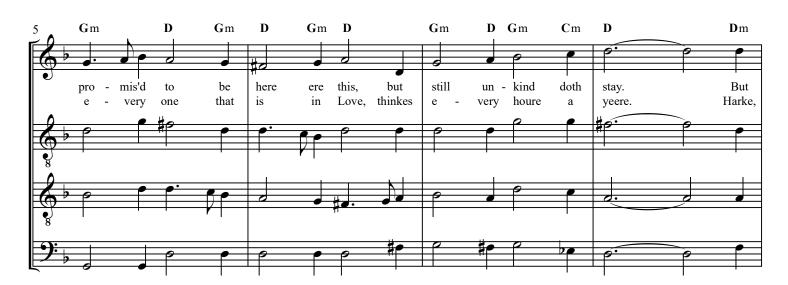


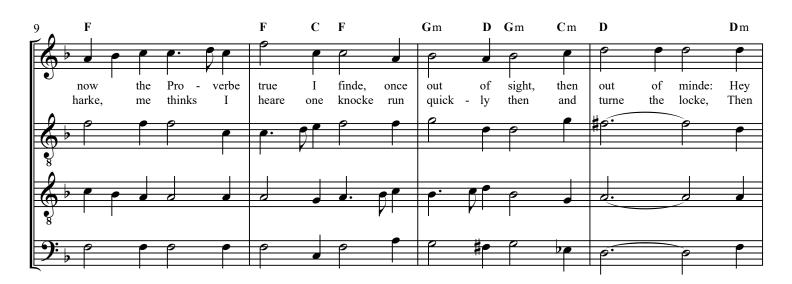


Complaine my Lute

anonymous lyrics from a broadside ballad, 1619-1629? tune is "Hearts ease"









Come gallant now, come loyterer, for I must chide with thee:
But yet I will forgive thee once, come sit thee downe by mee,
Faire Lady rest your selfe content,
I will indure your punishment,
And then we shall be friends againe.

For every houre that I have stayd, so long from thee away,
A thousand kisses will I give, receive them ready pay,
And if we chance to count amisse againe wee'le reckon them every kisse,
For he is blest that's punisht so.

And if those those thousand kisses then, we chance to count aright
We shall not need to count againe till we in bed doe light:
And then be sure that thou shalt have, thy reckoning just as thou shalt crave.
So shall we still agree as one.

And thus they spent the silent night, in sweet delightfull sport,
Till Phoebus with his beames so bright, from out the fiery port
Did blush to see the sweet content, in sable night so vainely spent,
Betwixt these Lovers two.

And then this Gallant did perswade, that he might now be gone:

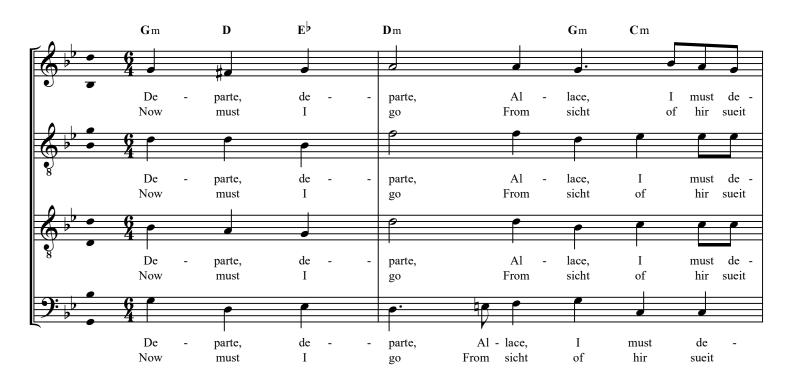
Sweet-heart, quoth he, I am afraid, that I have stayd too long.

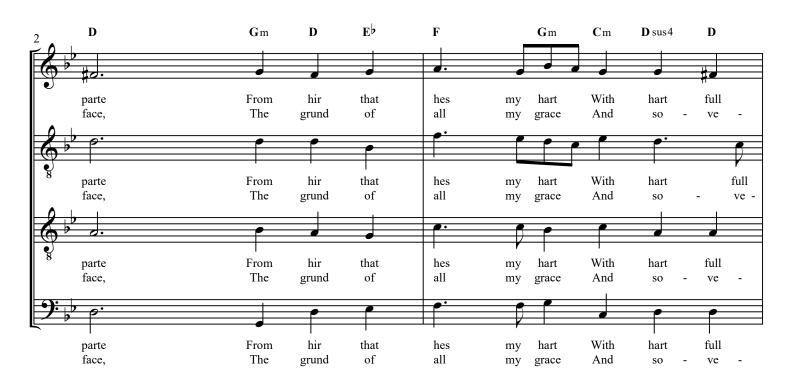
And wilt thou then be gone, quoth she, and will no longer stay with me:

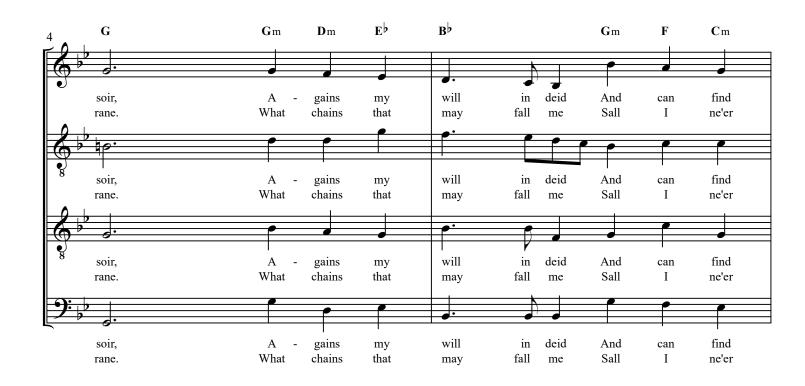
Then welcome all my care and woe.

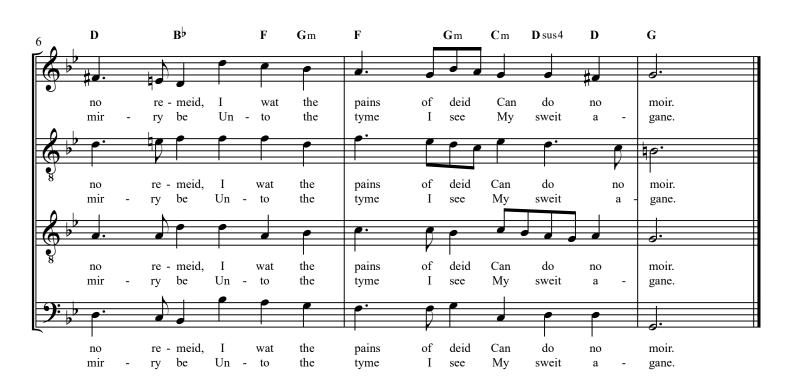
And then she tooke her lute in hand, and thus began to play,
Her heart was faint she could not stand, but on her bed shee lay,
And art thou gone my love, quoth she, complaine my Lute, complaine with me Untill that he doth come againe.

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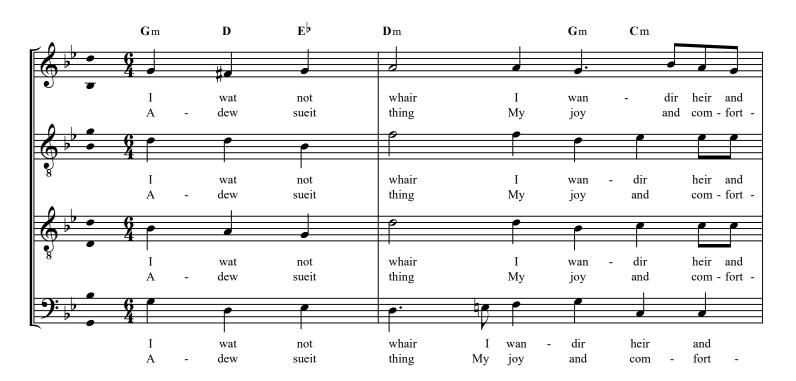


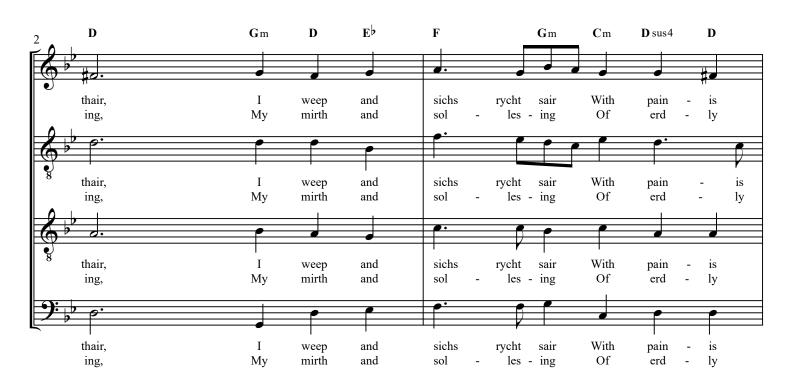


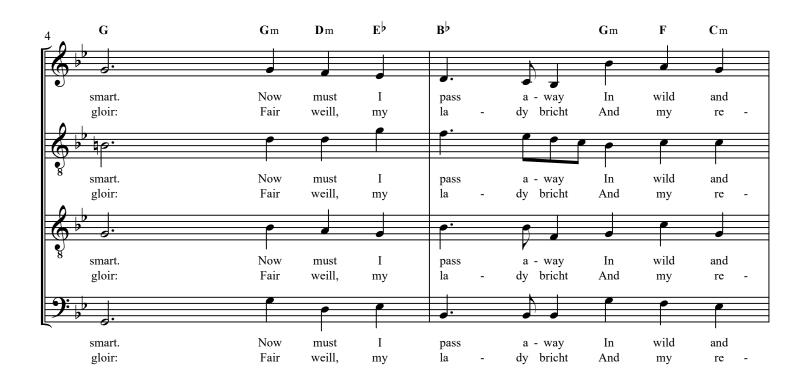


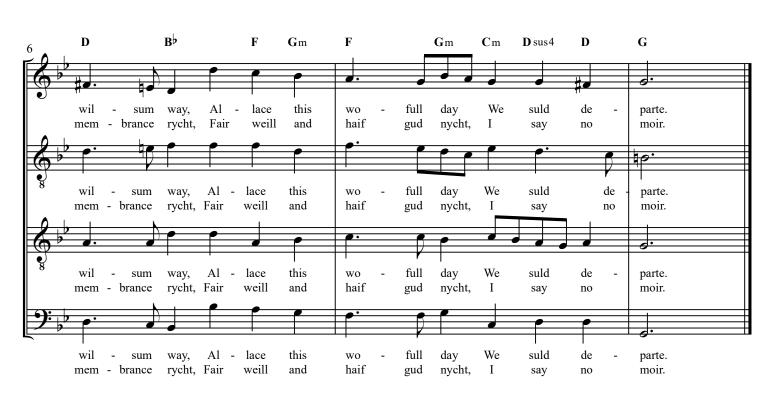


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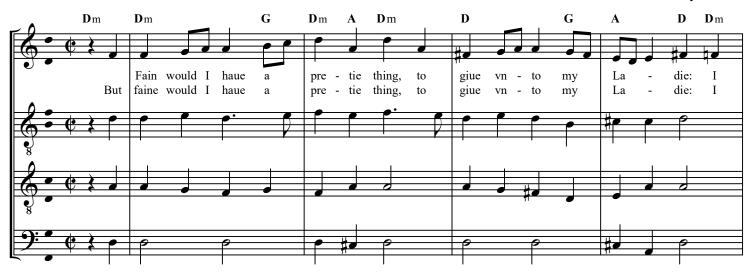


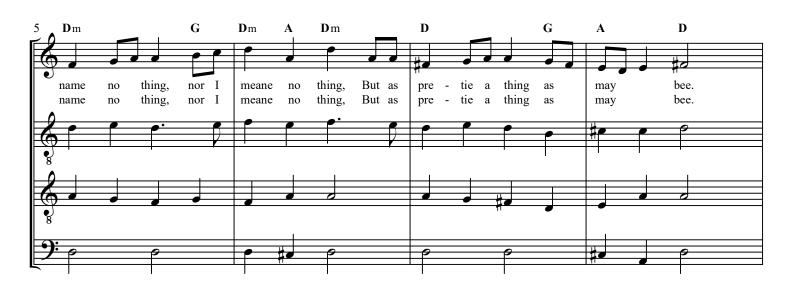


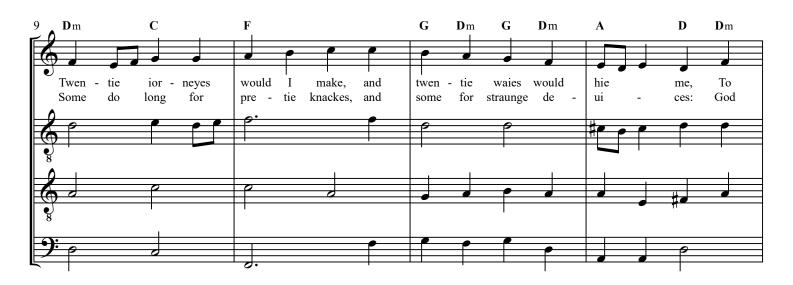


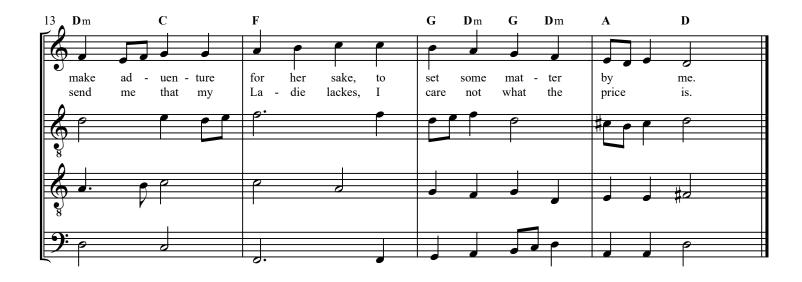
Fain would I have a pretie thing

lyrics from *A Handefull* of *Pleasant Delites*, 1584, by Clement Robinson tune is Lusty Gallant



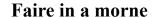






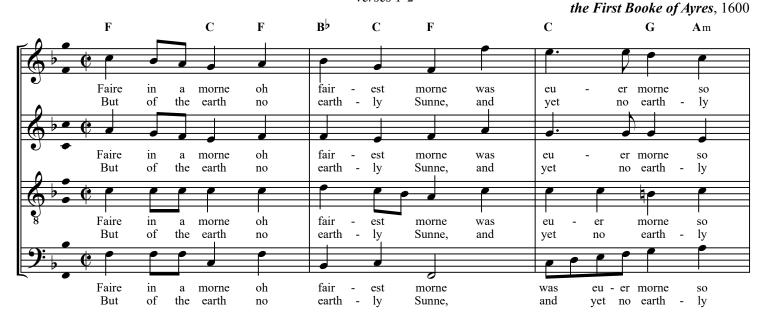
- 3.Yet faine would I haue a pretie thing, to giue vnto my Ladie:
- I name no thing, nor I meane no thing, But as pretie a thing as may bee.
- I Walke the towne, and tread the streete, in euery corner seeking:
- The pretie thinge I cannot meete, thats for my Ladies liking.
- 4.But faine would I have a pretie thing, to give vnto my Ladie:
- I name no thing, nor I meane no thing, But as pretie a thing as may bee.
- It is not all the Silke in Cheape, nor all the golden treasure:
- Nor twentie Bushels on a heape, can do my Ladie pleasure.
- 5. But faine would I have a pretie thing, to give vnto my Ladie:
- I name no thing, nor I meane no thing, But as pretie a thing as may bee.
- The Grauers of the golden showes, with Iuelles do beset me.
- The Shemiters in the shoppes that sowes, they do nothing but let me:

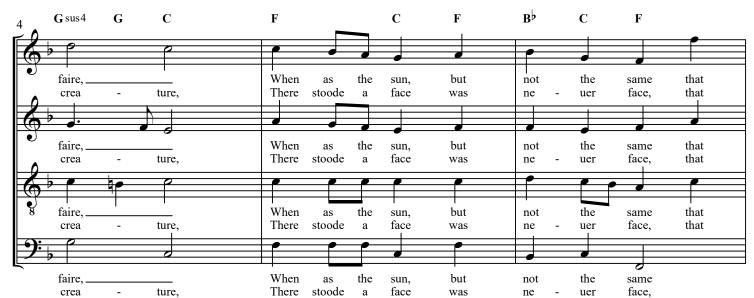
- 6. But faine would I have a pretie thing, to give vnto my Ladie:
- I name no thing, nor I meane no thing, But as pretie a thing as may bee.
- But were it in the wit of man, by any meanes to make it.
- I could for Money buy it than, and say, faire Lady, take it.
- 7. Thus faine would I haue a pretie thing, to giue vnto my Ladie:
- I name no thing, nor I meane no thing, But as pretie a thing as may bee.
- O Lady, what a tricke is this: that my good, willing misseth:
- To finde what pretie thing it is, that my good Lady missheth.
- 8. Thus faine would I have a pretie thing, to give vnto my Ladie:
- I name no thing, nor I meane no thing, But as pretie a thing as may bee.
- Thus fain wold I have had this preti thing to give vnto my Ladie:
- I said she harme, nay I ment no harme but as pretie a thing as may be.

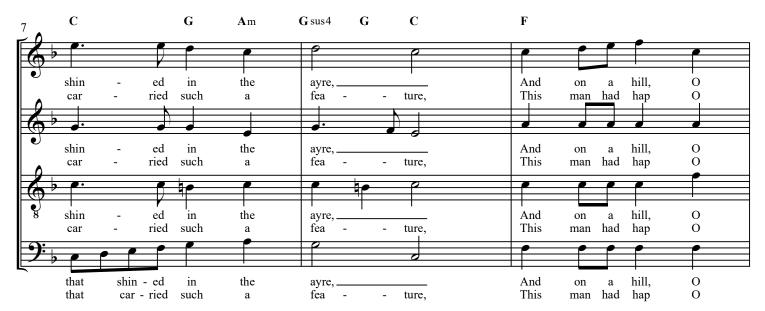


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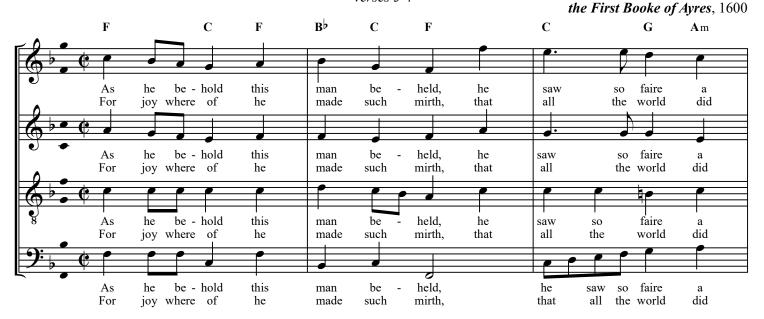


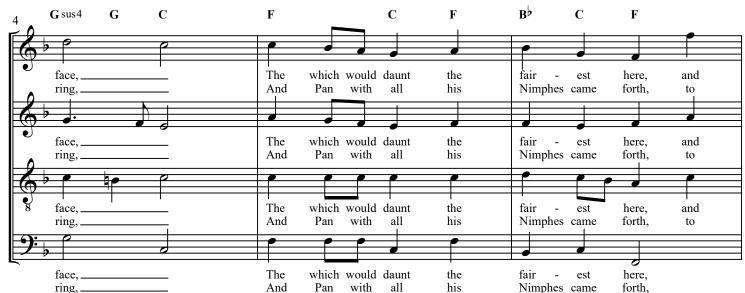


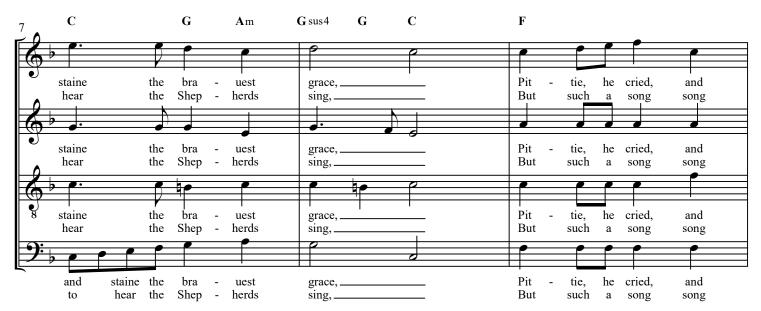


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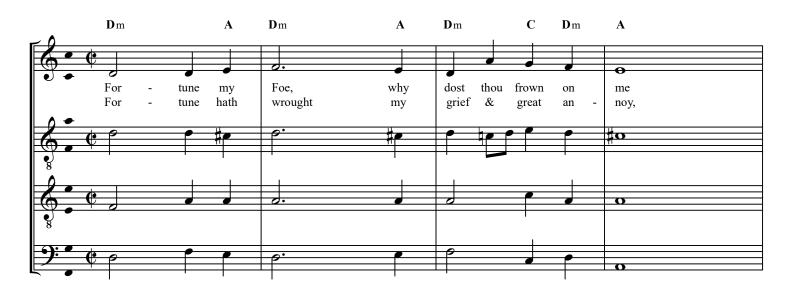


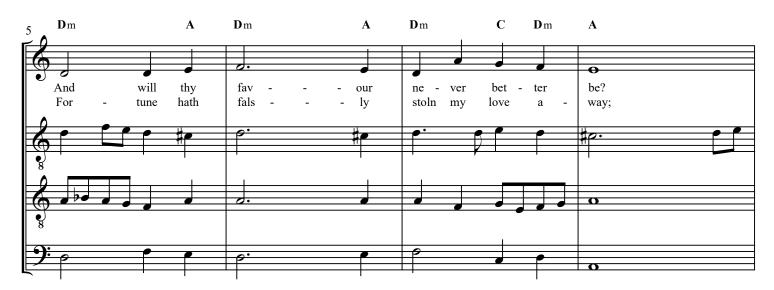


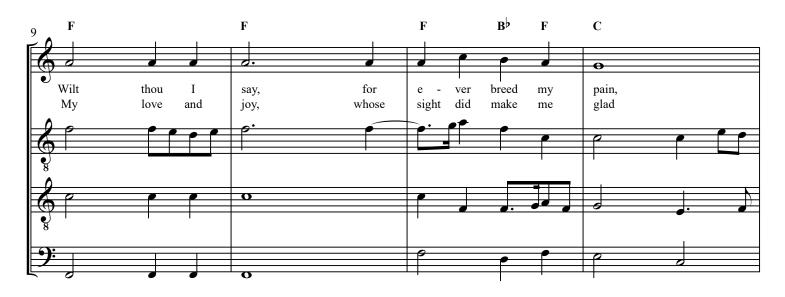


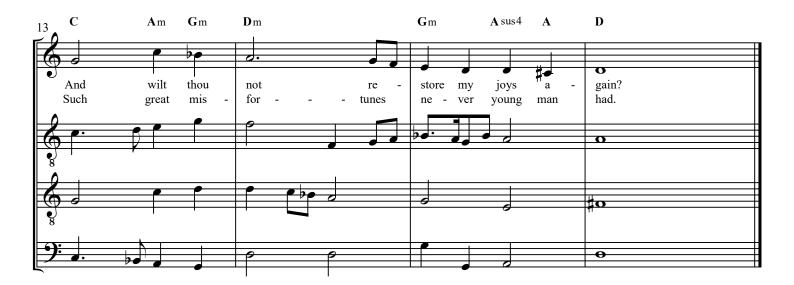


Fortune my Foe









Had fortune took my treasure and my store, Fortune had never griev'd me half so sore, But takeing her whereon my heart did stay, Fortune thereby hath took my life away.

Far worse then death my life I lead in woe, With bitter thoughts still tossed too and fro. 0 cruel chance, thou breeder of my pain, Take life, or else restore my love againe.

In vain I sigh, in vain I wail and weep; In vain mine eyes refrain from quiet sleep, In vain I shed my tears both night and day, In vain my love my sorrows do bewray. Then I will leave my love in fortunes hands, My dearest love in most unconstant bands, And onely serve the sorrows dew to me, Sorrows hereafter thou shalt my Mistris be.

No man alive can Fortunes spight withstand, With wisdom, skill, or mighty strength of hand; In midst of mirth she bringeth bitter moan, And woe to me that hath her hatred known.

If wisdoms eyes had but blind Fortune seen,
Then had my love, my love forever been;
Then, love, farewel, though Fortune favour thee,
No fortune frail shall ever conquer me.

The Ladies comfortable and pleasant Answer

Ah silly soul, art thou so afraid?

Mourn not my dear nor be not so dismaid.

Fortune cannot, with all her power and skill,

Enforce my heart to think the any ill.

Blame not thy chance, nor envy at thy choice, No cause hast thou to curse, but to rejoice, Fortune shall not thy joy and love deprive, If by my love it may remain alive.

Receive therefore thy life again to thee,
Thy life and love shall not be lost by me,
And while thy heart upon thy life do stay,
Fortune shall never steal the same away.

Live thou in bliss and banish death to Hell,
All careful thoughts see thou from thee expel;
As thou doth wish, thy love agrees to be,
For proof whereof behold I come my self to thee.

Pluck up thy heart, supprest with brinish tears, Torment me not, but take away thy fears; Thy Mistris mind brooks no unconstant bands Much less to live in rueing fortunes hands.

Though mighty Kings by fortune get the foyl, Lossing thereby their travel and their toyl; Though fortune be to me a cruel foe, Fortune shall not make me to serve thee so.

For fortunes spight thou needst not care a pin, For thou thereby shall never loose nor win; If faithful love and favour I do find, My recompense shall not remain behind.

Dye not in fear, nor live in discontent,

Be thou not slain, where never blood was ment,
Revive again, to faint thou hast no need,

The less afraid, the better thou shalt speed.

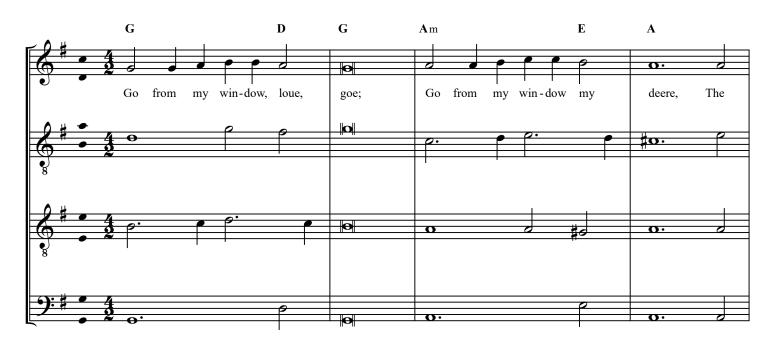
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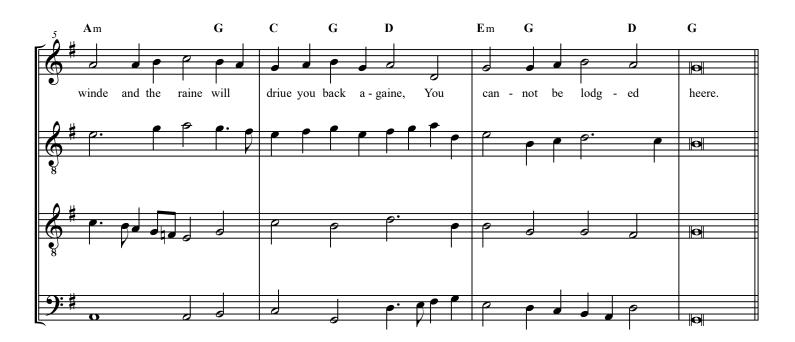


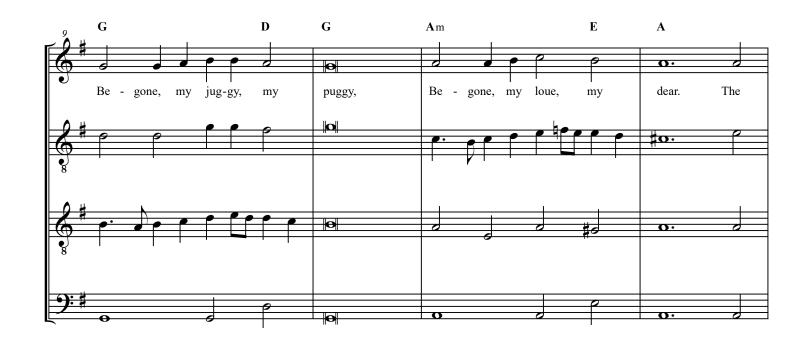


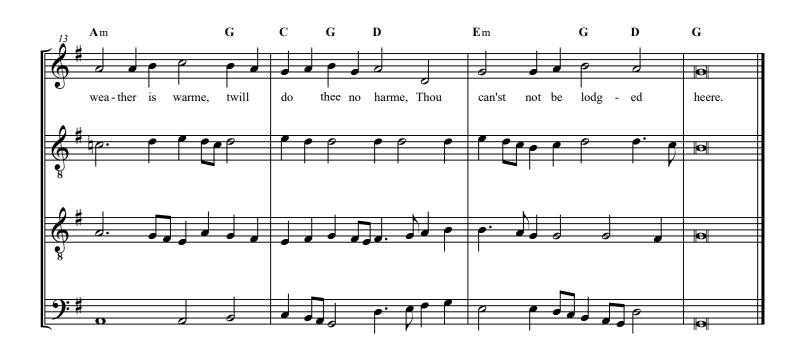
Go from my window

lyrics from *The Knight of the Burning Pestle*, 1607,
Francis Beaumont





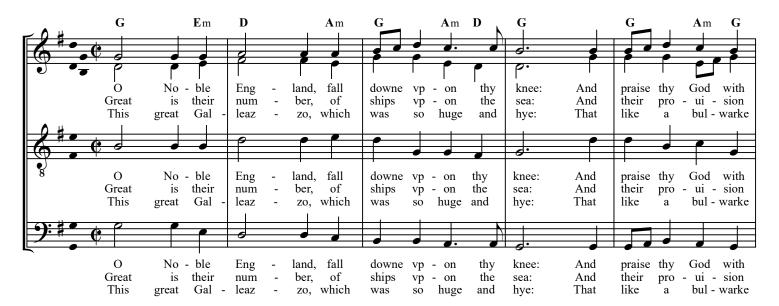


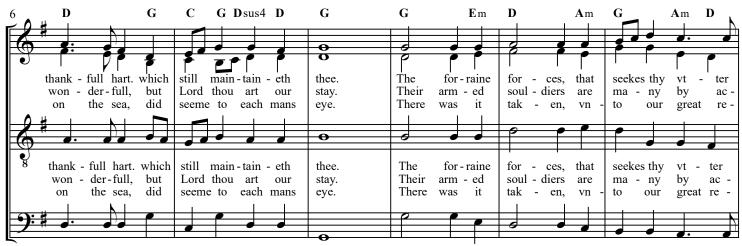


The great Galleazzo

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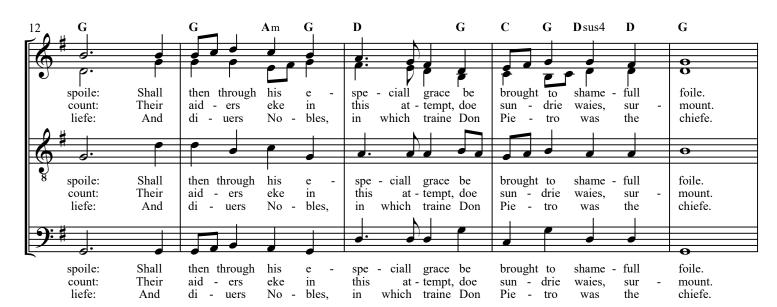
lyrics by Thomas Deloney from a broadside, 1588 tune is Mounsiers Almaine





thank - full hart. which still main-tain - eth thee. won - der-full, but Lord thou art our stay. on the sea, did seeme to each mans eye.

The for - raine for - ces, that seekes thy Their soul - diers by arm - ed are ma - ny ac-There was it tak - en, vn to our great re-

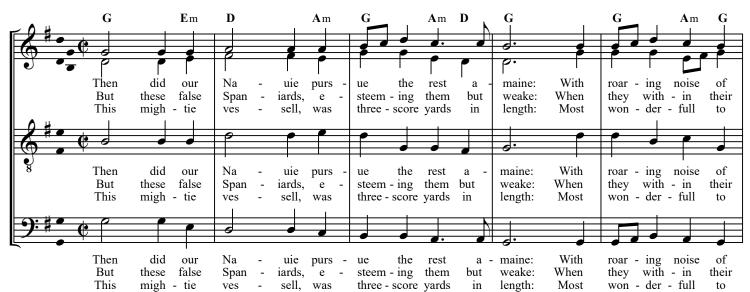


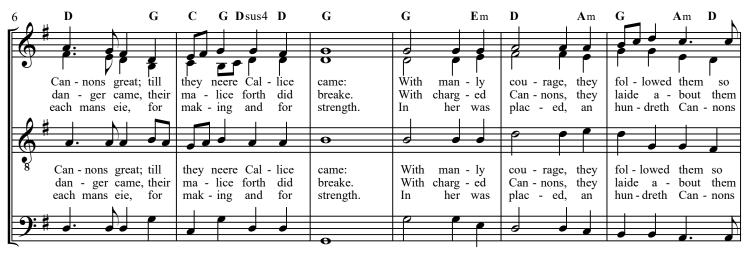


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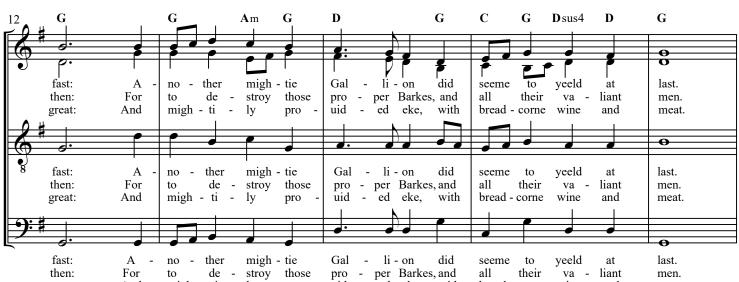
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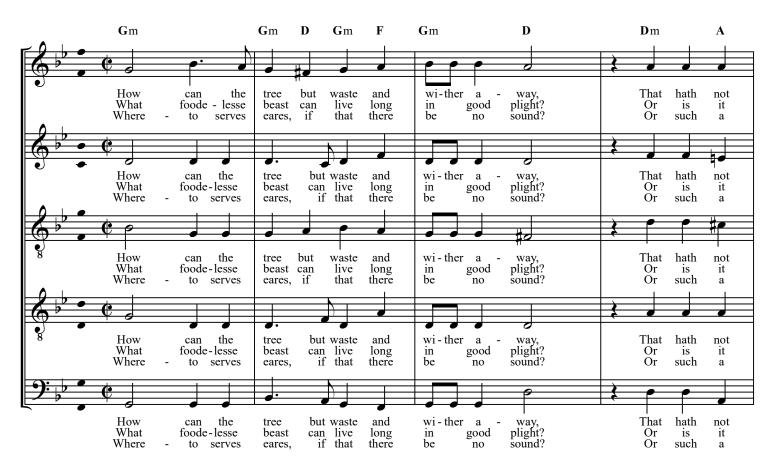
Can - nons great; till they neere Cal - lice With man - ly fol - lowed them came: cou - rage, they SO dan - ger came, their ma - lice forth breake. With charg - ed Can - nons, they laide a - bout them her was mak - ing for In plac - ed, hun - dreth Can - nons each mans eie, for and strength. an

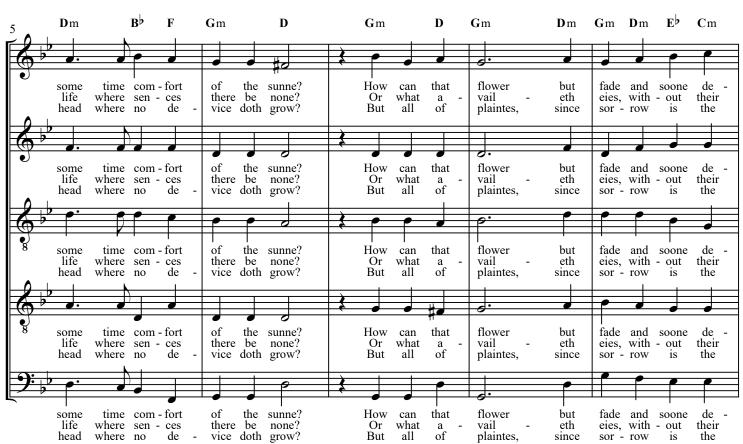


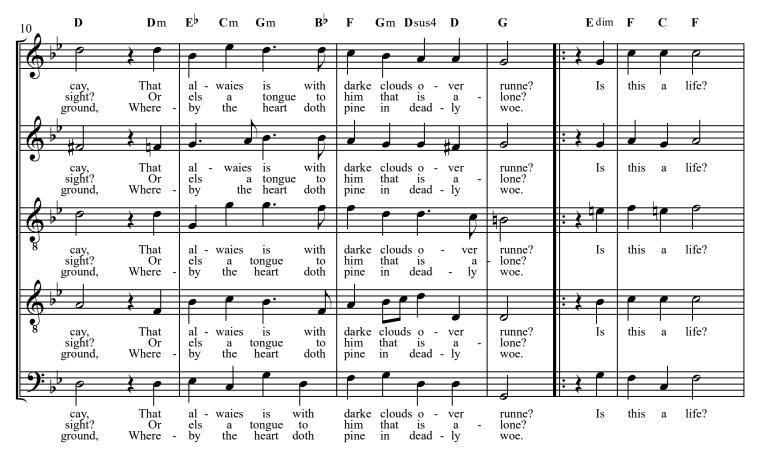
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How can the tree

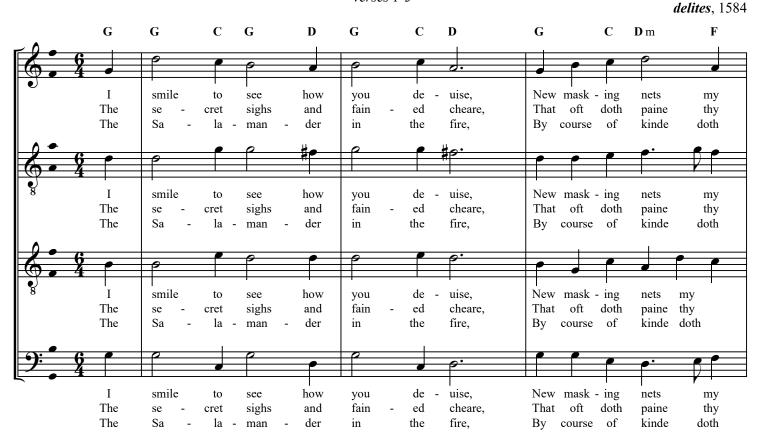


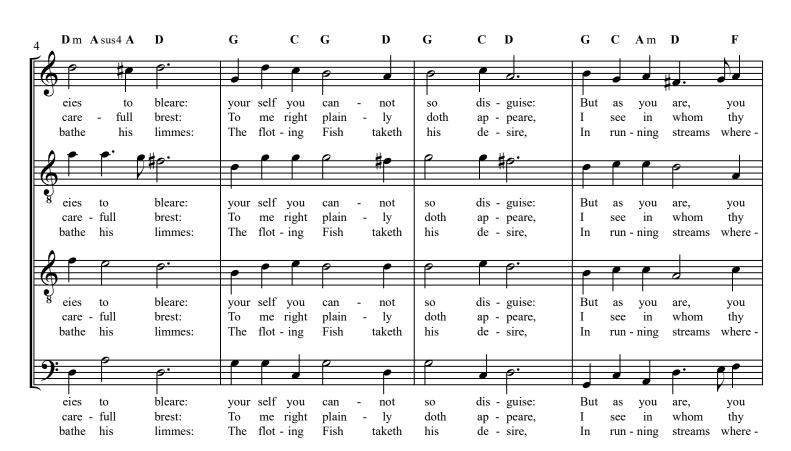


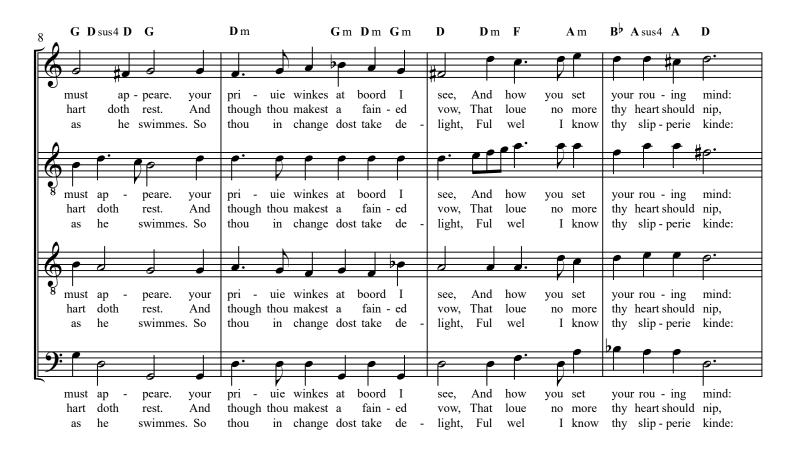


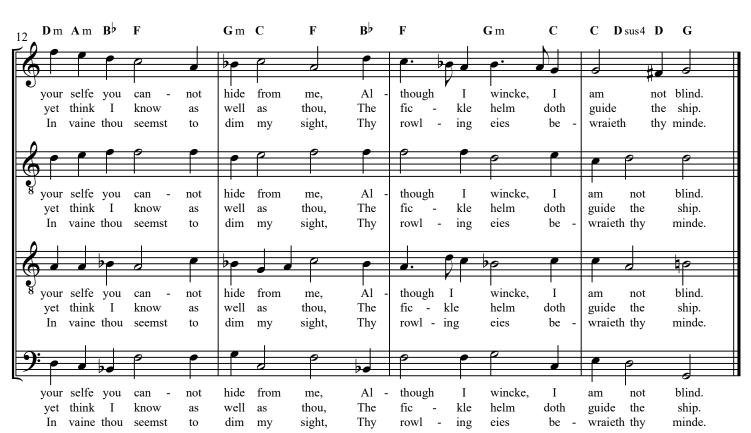


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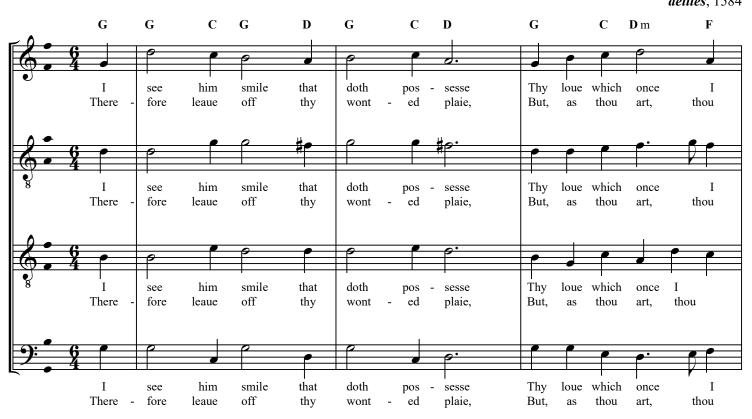


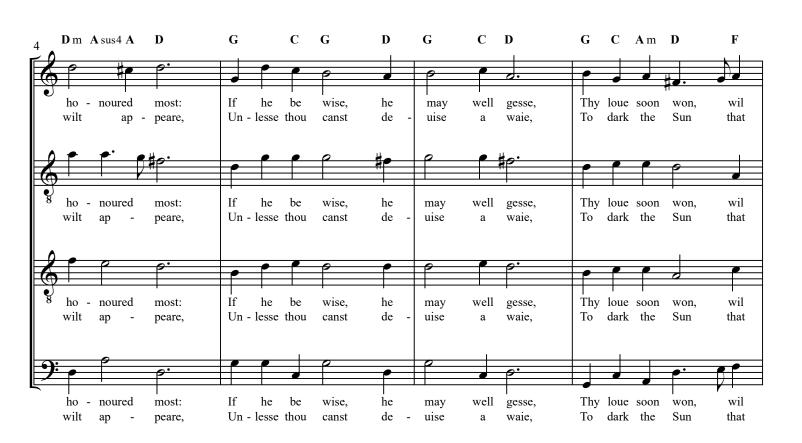


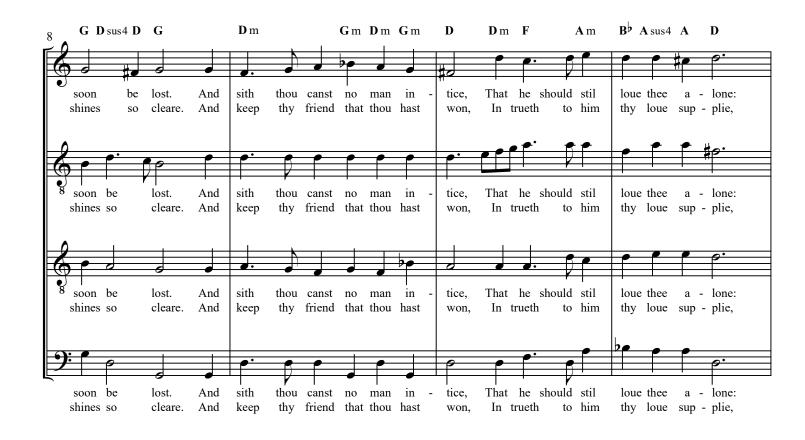
I smile to see how you deuise

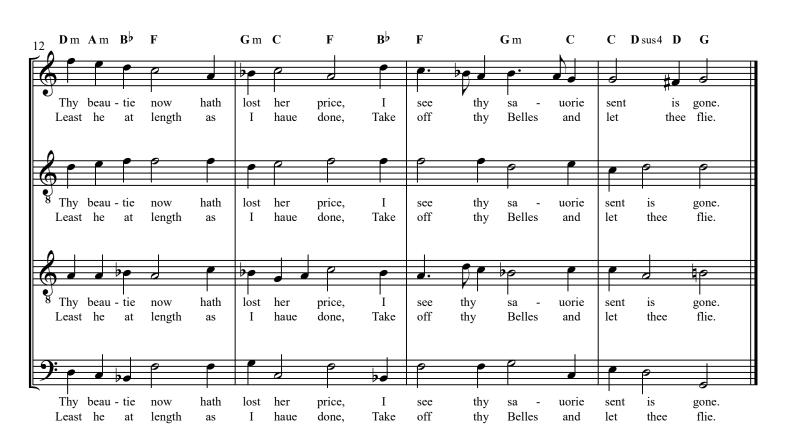
lyrics by John Lyly (1554?–1606) from *A Handefull of pleasant delites*, 1584

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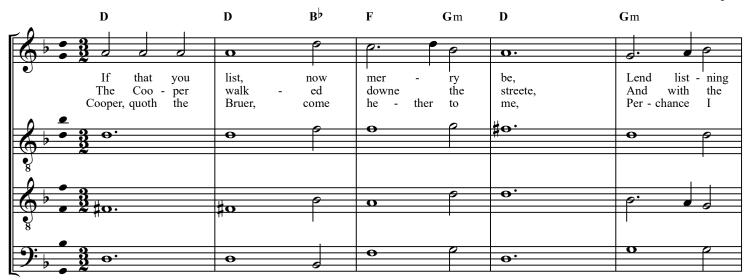


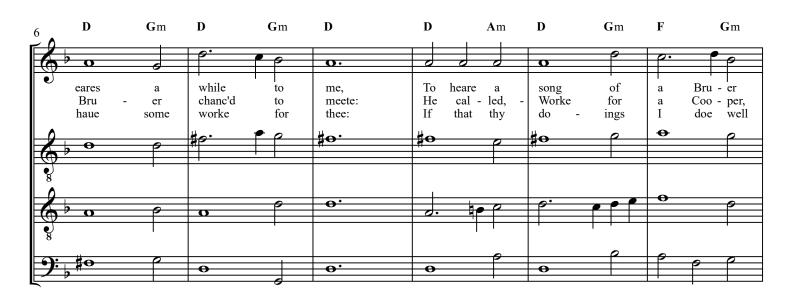


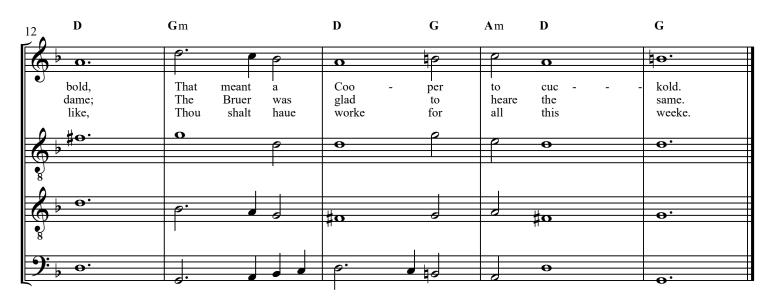


If that you list, now merry be

lyrics by Arthur Halliarg from a broadside (1601-1640?) tune is Loth to Depart







The Cooper with cap and curtesie low, Said, ready I am my tunning to show; To doe your worke, sir, euery deale. I doe not doubt to doe it well.

Then, quoth this lustie Bruer tho,
If thou my worke doest meane to doe,
Come to me to morrow before it be day,
To hoope vp these old tubs out of the way.

And so to make vp my merry rime,
The Cooper the next day rose betime;
To the Bruers gate he tooke his race,
And knocked there a great pace.

The Bruer leapt from his bed to the flore,
And to the Cooper he opned the dore;
He shewed him his worke without delay;
To the Coopers wife then he tooke the way.

The Cooper he called at mind at last,
His hatchet he had left at home for hast:
And home for his hatchet he must goe,
Before he could worke; the cause it was so.

But when he came his house somwhat nere, His wife by fortune did him heare: Alas! said she, what shift shall we make? My husband is come,-- you will be take!

O Lord! sayd the Bruer, what shall I doe? How shall I hide me? where shall I goe? Said shee,-- if you will not be espide, Creepe vnder this fat yourselfe to hide.

The Bruer he crept vnder the same,
And blundering in the Cooper came:
About the shop his tubs he cast,
To finde out his hatchet all in hast.

Then his curst wife began to prate,—
If thou let out my pig, ile breake thy pate!
A pig, said the Cooper, I know of none;
If thou hadst not spoke, the pig had bin gone.

If it be a sow-pig, said the Cooper, Let me haue him rosted for my supper: It is a bore-pig, man, said she, For my owne dyet, and not for thee. It is hard if a woman cannot haue a bit,
But straightway her husband must know of it.
A bore-pig, said the Cooper, so me thinks;
He is so ramish,-- fie, how he stinkes!

Well, sayd the Cooper, so I might thriue, I would he were in thy belly aliue. I thanke you for your wish, good man; It may chance it shall be there anon.

The Bruer that vnder the fat did lye,
Like a pig did assay to grunt and crie:
But, alas! his voice was nothing small;
He cryed so big that he mard all.

Wife, said the Cooper, this is no pig, But an old hog, he grunteth so big! He lift vp the fat then by and by; There lay the Bruer like a bore in a stie.

Wife, said the Cooper, thou wilt lie like a dog! This is no pig, but a very old hog: I sweare, quoth the Cooper, I doe not like him; Ile knock him on the head ere ile keepe him.

O Lord! said the Bruer, serue me not so; Hold thy hand, Cooper, and let me goe, And I will giue thee both ale and beere, To find thy house this sixe or seauen yeare.

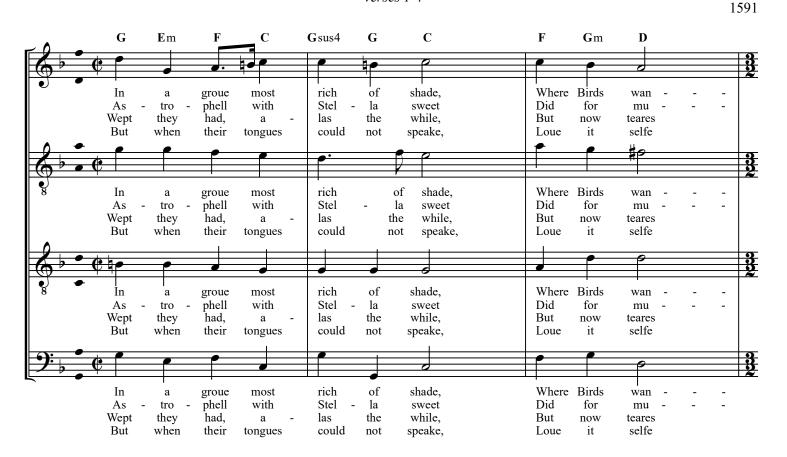
I will none of thy ale nor yet of thy beere, For feare I be poisoned wiin seauen yeere! Why, sayd the Bruer, if thou mistrust, Hold here the keyes of my best chest;

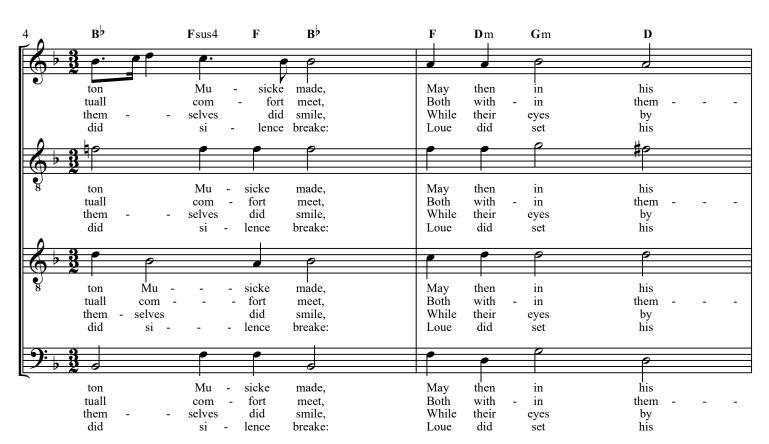
And there is gold and siluer store,
Will serue thee so long and somewhat more:
If there be store, quoth the Cooper, I say,
I will not come emptie-handed away.

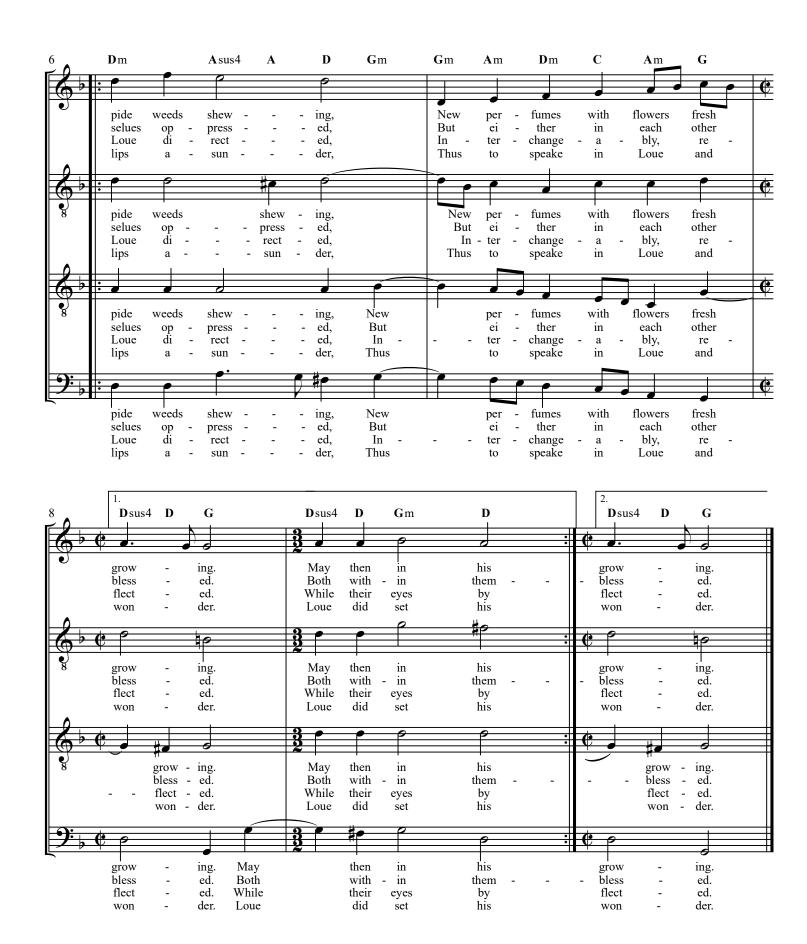
The Cooper went and filled his hat;
The Bruer shall pay for vsing my fat!
The hooping of twentie tubs euery day,
And not gaind me so much as I doe this way.

When he came againe his house within,-Packe away, quod he, Bruer, with your broken shin;
And vnder my fat creepe no more,
Except you make wiser bargaines before.

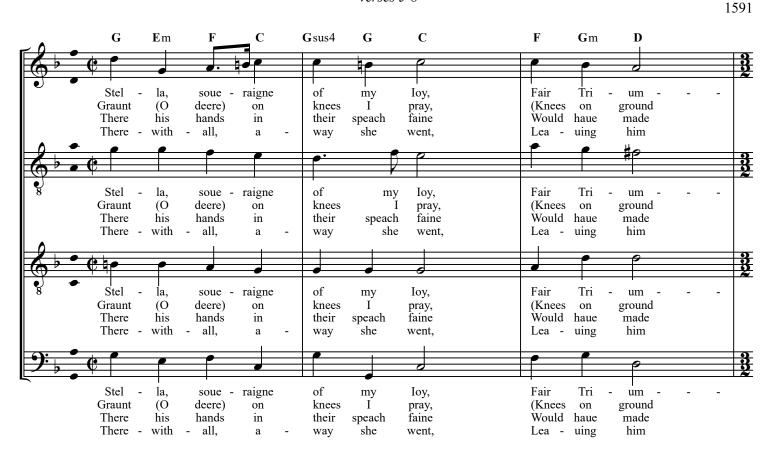
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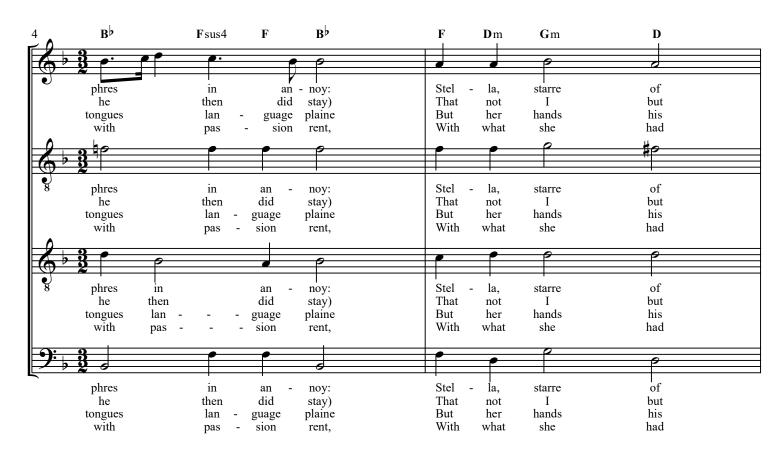


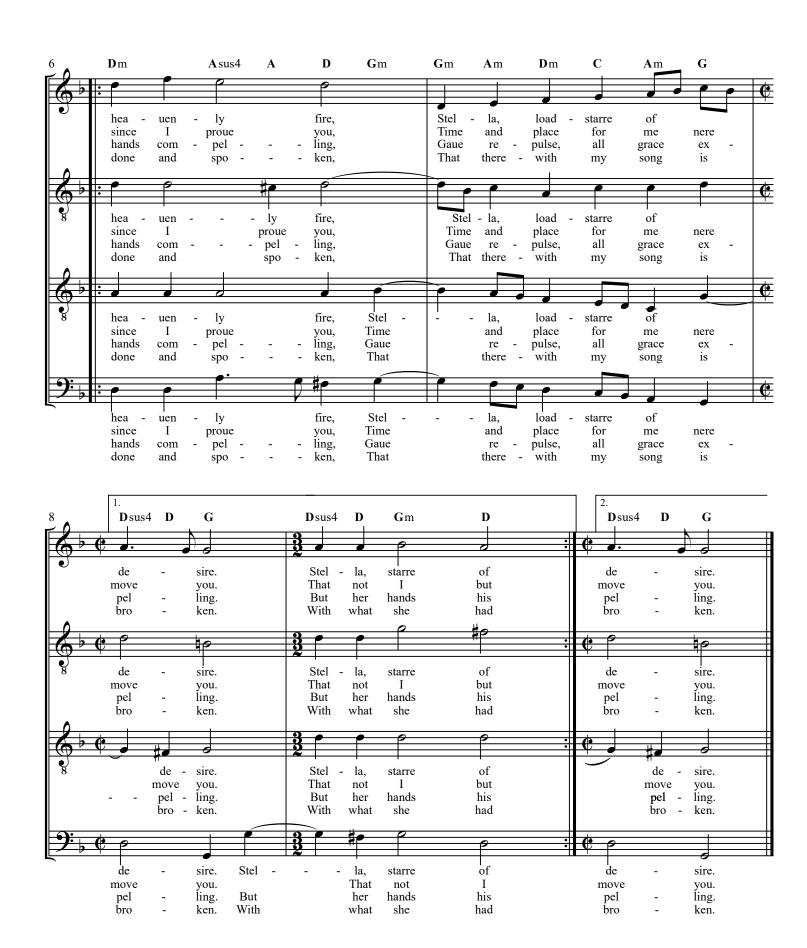




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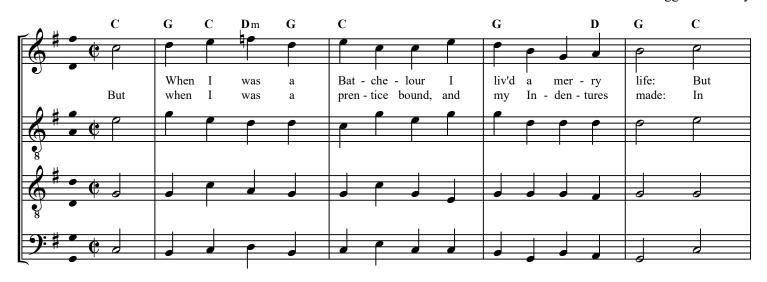


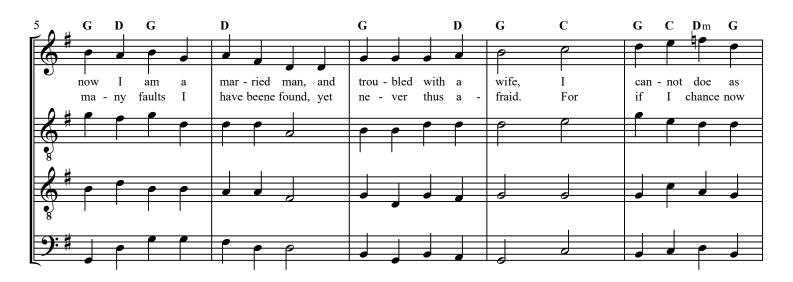


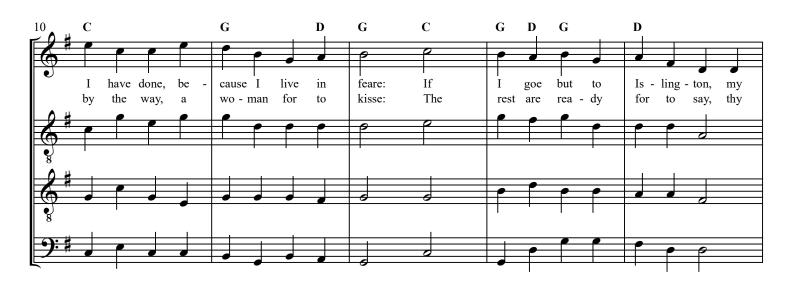


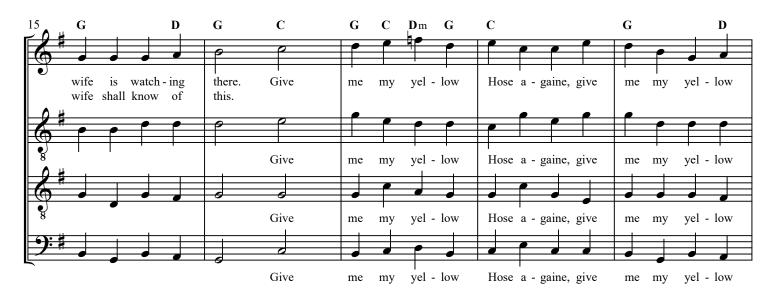
John Tomson, and Jakaman his Wife: Whose Jeslousie was justly, the cause of all their strife.

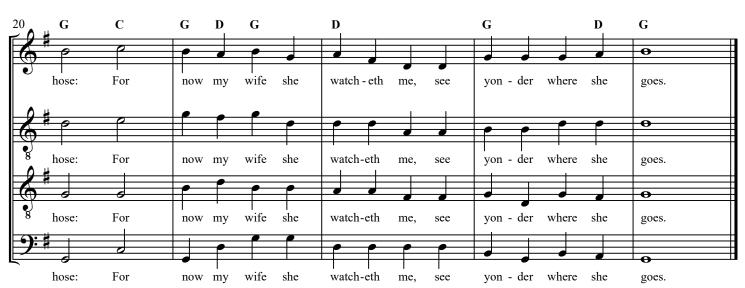
lyrics from an anonymous ballad registered in 1586, tune is Pegge of Ramsey











Thus when I come in company, I passe my mirth in feare: For one or other merrily, will say my wife is there. And then my look dooth make them laugh, With that my wife was almost mad, to see my wofull case: How I stand like John hold my staffe, and dare not shew my face. Give me my yellow hose, etc.

Then comes a handsome woman in, and shakes me by the hand: But how my wife she did begin, now you shall understand. Faire dame (quoth she) why dost thou so, he gave his hand to me: And thou shalt know before thou goe, he is no man for thee. Give me my yellow hose. etc.

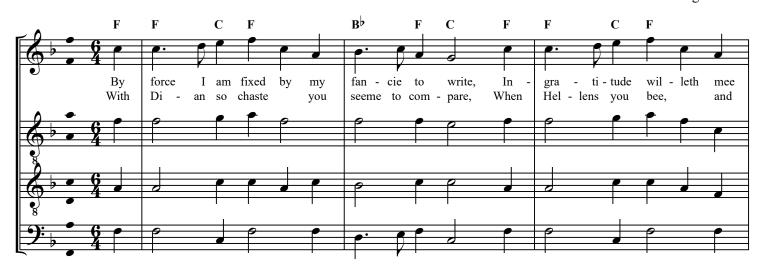
Good wife (quoth she) now doe not scould. This maketh Batchelers to wooe, I will doe so no more: I thought I might have beene so bolde, I knowing him before, yet many did intreat her:

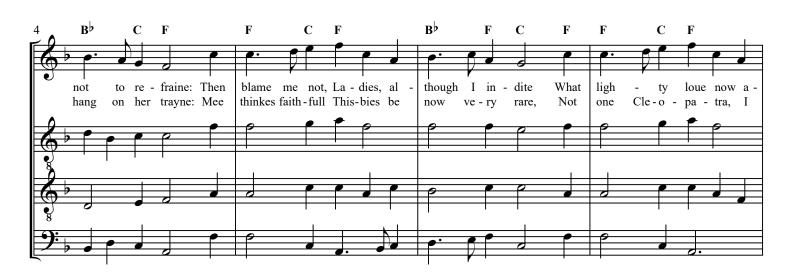
And I, God knowes, was very sad, for feare she would have beat her. Give me my yellow hose, etc.

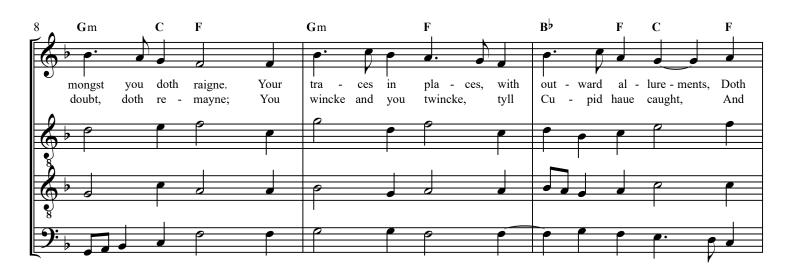
Thus marriage is an enterprise, Experience doth show: But scolding is an exercise, that married men doe know. For all this while there was no blowes, yet still their tongues was talking: And very faine would yellow hose, have had her fists a walking. Give me my yellow hose, etc.

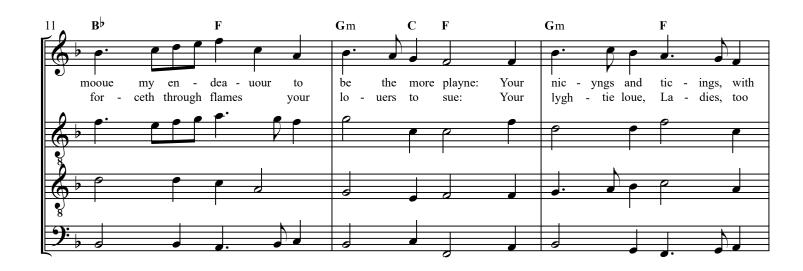
so long before they wed: Because they heare that women now, will be their Husbands head. And seven yeare long I taried. for Jakaman my wife: But now that I am married, I am weary of my life. Give me my yellow hose, etc.

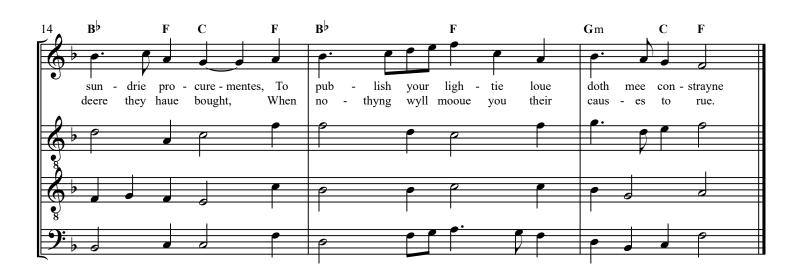
For yellow love is too too bad, without all wit or pollicie: And too much love hath made her mad. and filld her full of Jelousie. Shee thinkes I am in love with those, I speake to passing by: That makes her weare the yellow hose, I gave her for to dye. Give me my yellow hose, etc.









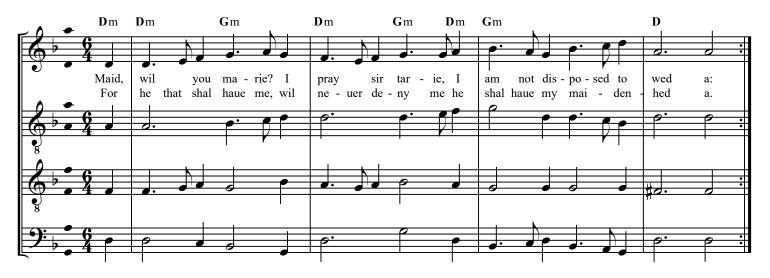


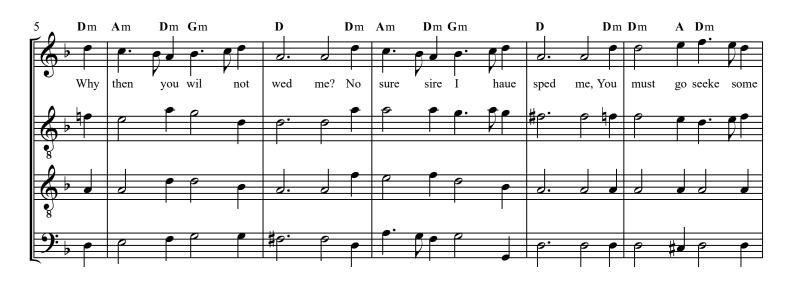
I speake not for spite, ne do I disdayne,
Your beautie fayre Ladies, in any respect:
But ones Ingratitude doth mee constrayne,
As childe hurt with fire, the same to neglect:
For proovyng in lovyng, I finde by good triall,
When Beautie had brought mee unto her becke:
She staying, not waying, but made a deniall,
And shewyng her lightie love, gave mee the checke.

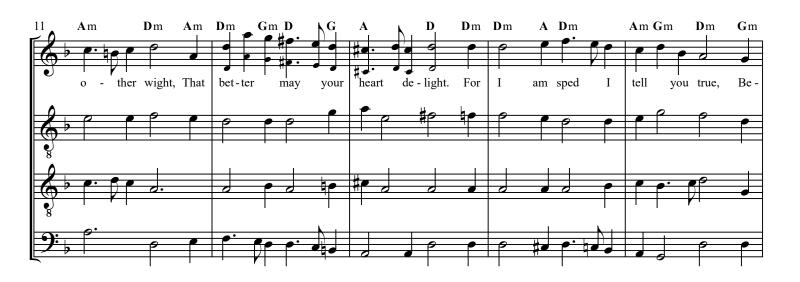
Thus fraude for frendship, did lodge in her brest,
Suche are most women, that when they espie,
Their lovers inflamed with sorowes opprest,
They stande then with Cupid against their replie
They taunte, and they vaunte, they smile when they vew
How Cupid had caught them under his trayne,
But warned, discerned, the proofe is most true,
That lightie love Ladies, amongst you doth reigne.

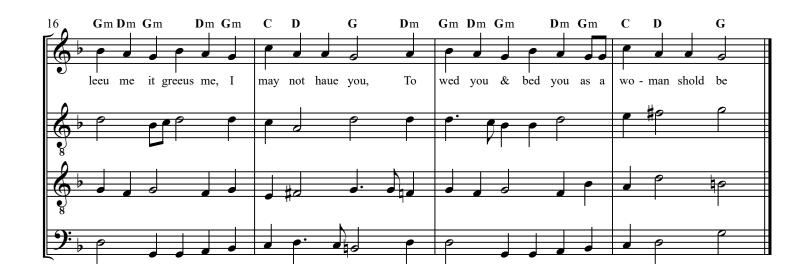
Consider that poyson doth lurke oftentyme
In shape of sugre, to put some to payne:
And fayre wordes paynted, as Dames can define,
The olde Proverbe saith, doth make some fooles faine:
Be wise and precise, take warning by mee,
Trust not the Crocodile, least you do rue:
To womens faire wordes, do never agree:
For all is but lightie love, this is most true.

I touche no such Ladies, as true love imbrace,
But suche as to lightie love dayly applie:
And none wyll be grieved, in this kinde of case,
Save suche as are minded, true love to denie:
Yet frendly and kindly, I shew you my minde,
Fayre Ladies I wish you, to use it no more,
But say what you list, thus I have definde,
That lightie love Ladies, you ought to abhore.









For if I could, be sure I would, consent to your desire:
I would not doubt, to bring about, ech thing you would require:
But promise now is made,
Which cannot be staide:
It is a womans honestie,
To keep her promise faithfully.
And so I do meane til death to do.
Consider and gather, that this is true:
Choose it, and vse it, the honester you.

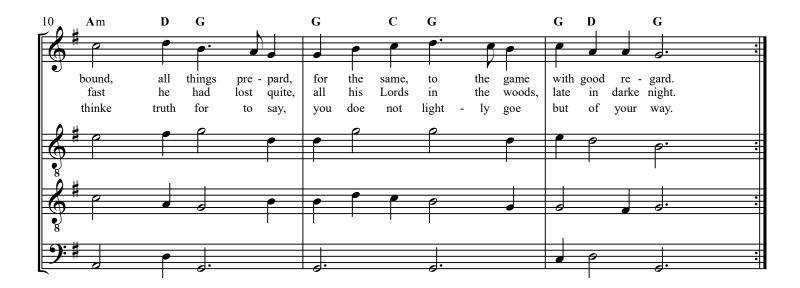
But if you seek, for to misleeke,
with this that I haue done:
Or else disdaine, that I so plaine
this talke with you haue begone:
Farewell I wil not let you,
He fisheth wel that gets you.
And sure I thinke your other friend,
Wil prooue a Cuckold in the end:
But he wil take heed if he be wise,
To watch you & catch you, with Argus eies,
Besetting and letting your wonted guise.

Although the Cat doth winke a while, yet sure she is not blinde:
It is the waie for to beguile, the Mice that run behind:
And if she see them running,
Then straight way she is comming:
Upon their head she claps her foote,
To striue with her it is no boote.
The seelie poore Mice dare neuer play,
She catcheth and snatcheth them euery day,
Yet whip they, & skip they, when she is away.

And if perhaps they fall in trap,
to death then must they yeeld:
They were better then, to haue kept their den
than straie abroad the field:
But they that will be ranging,
Shall soone repent their changing:
And so shall you ere it be long,
Wherefore remember well my song:
And do not snuffe though I be plaine,
But cherily, merily, take the same.
For huffing & snuffing deserueth blame.

For where you say you must obay, the promise you haue made,
So sure as I wil neuer flie, from that I haue said:
Therefore to them I leaue you,
Which gladly wil receiue you:
You must go choose some other mate,
According to your own estate.
For I do meane to liue in rest,
Go seek you, and leek you an other guest,
And choose him, and vse him, as you like best.





Why what dost thou thinke of me quoth our king merily Passing thy judgement upon me so breefe:
Good faith quoth the Miller I meane not to flatter,
I gesse thee to be but a gentleman theefe.
stand thee backe in the darke light not a downe,
least that I presently cracke thy knaves crowne.

Thou dost abuse me much (quoth our king) saying thus, I am a gentleman, lodging I lacke:
Thou hast quoth the miller not a grote in thy purse,
All thy inheritance hangs on thy backe.
I have gold to discharge all that I call,
If it be fortie pence I wil pay all.

If thou beest a true man then answered the miller, I swear by my tole dish ile lodge thee all night, Heres my hand quoth our King that I was ever:

Nay soft quoth the miller thou mayst be a sprite. better ile know thee ere hands I will shake,

with none but with honest men hands I will take.

Thus they went al along unto the millers house Where they were seething of Puddings and souse: The miller first entred in, after him went the king: Never came he in so smokie a house. now quoth he let me see, heere what you are, quoth our king looke your fill, and doe not spare.

Here quoth the Miller, good fellow I drinke to thee, and to all courtnoles that curteous be, I pledge thee quoth our King, and thanke thee hartily For my good welcome in every degree. and here in like manner I drinke to thy son, do so quoth Richard and quicke let it come.

Wife quoth the miller now fetch me foorth lightfoot, that we of his sweetnes a little may taste:

A faire Venson pastie then brought she foorth presently, Eate quoth the miller, but sir make no waste.

Here is good lightfoot, in faith quoth our King, I never eate so daintie a thing.

Ywis said Richard no dainty at all it is.

For we do eate of it everie daie,
In what place said our king maie be bought like this,
We never pay pennie for it by my faye:
from merie Sherwood we fetch it home here,
now and then we make bolde with the Kings deer.

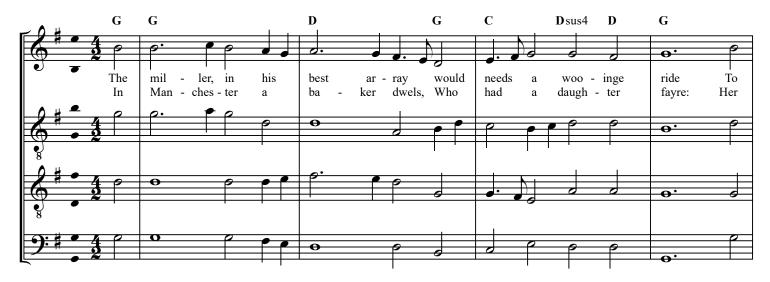
Doubt not quoth our King my promised secrecie, the King shall never know more ont for me, a cup then of lamps wool they drunke strait unto him then, and so to their beds they past presently: the nobles next morning went al up and downe for to seeke out the King in every towne.

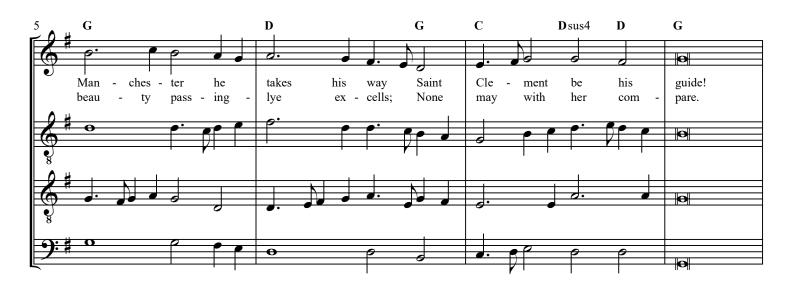
at last at this millers house some did espy him plain as he was mounting upon his faire steed: to whom they ran presently falling downe on their knees Which made the millers heart wofully bleed, shaking and quaking before him he stood, thinking he should have been hangd by the rood

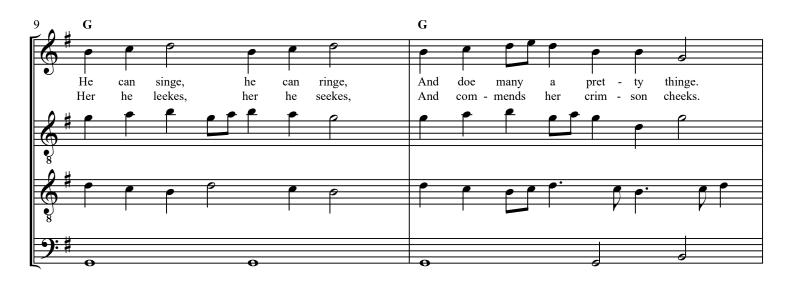
The King perceiving him fearful and trembling Drew out his sword, but nothing he sed:
The miller down did fall crying before them all Doubting the King would have cut of his head. but he his kinde curtesie strait to requite, gave him great living, and dubbd him a Knight.

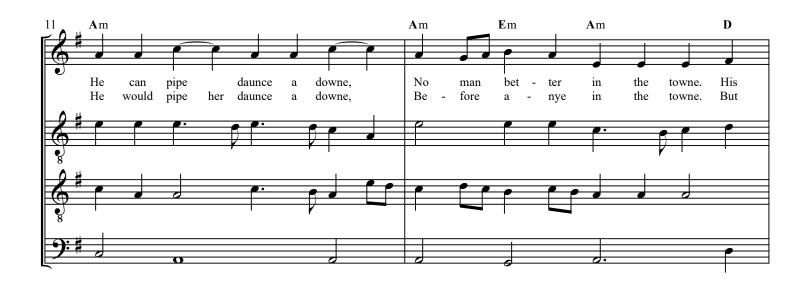
The mery miller's wooing of the Baker's daughter of Manchester.

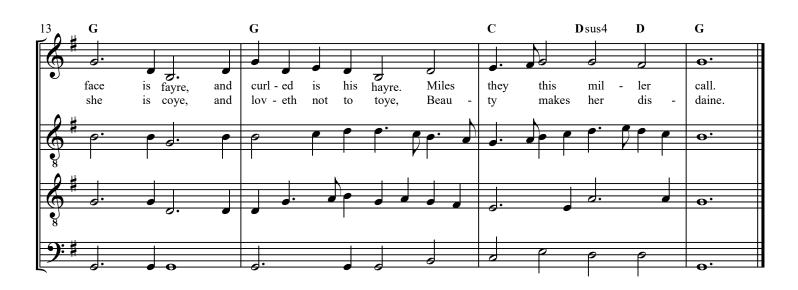
lyrics from an anonymous ballad, 1584-1627 ? tune is Nutmegs and Ginger











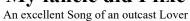
"Sweet," sayd the miller, "be not strange, But blythely looke in me. Unto my mill I praye you range, Where we will merrye be. Lad nor lowne in the towne Shall better teach you daunce a downe. While my mill goes click a clacke, I will set yow on a sacke. Sweete, goe with me where we will pleasant be." "Fye," sayde shee, "howe yow faigne."

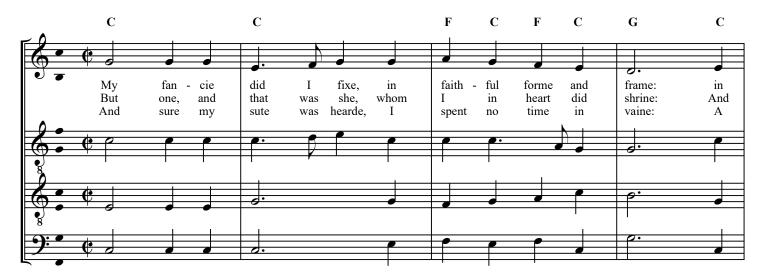
Now they are in the merry mill, Where Miles the daunce doth play, And woon the maiden's heart's good will: The matter nothing was delayd; She could not start awaye. So he playd that the mayde To her mother plainely sayde, "I have learnd to daunce a downe, The prettyest sport in all this towne. The miller hee did teach the same to me: He shall my husbande be."

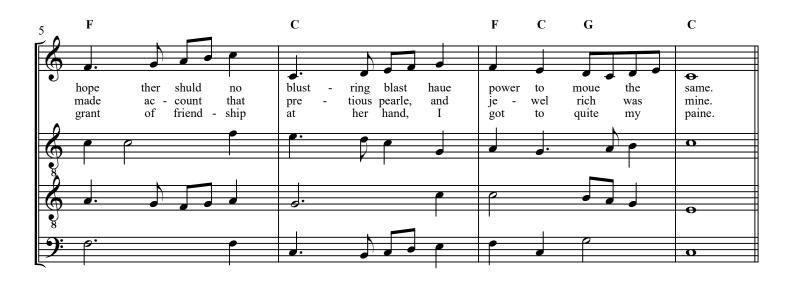
Thus are the miller and the mayde A marryed couple now. Their friends the same allow. You that woo learne to doo As the miller teacheth yow. Neither gloves, nor tokens, bringe; But daunce a downe teach mayds to sing. Else favour none unto yow will be showne, Although yow dye for love.

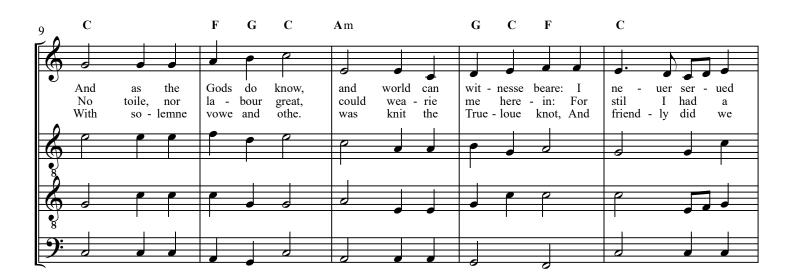
My fancie did I fixe

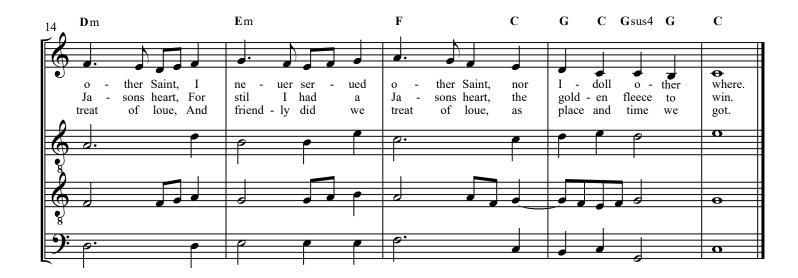
Clement Robinson, 1584 tune is All in a Garden Green











Now would we send our sighes, as far as they might go,
Now would we worke with open signes, to blaze our inward wo.
Now rings and tokens too, renude our friendship stil,
And ech deuice that could be wrought, exprest our plaine goodwill,

True meaning went withall, it cannot be denide:
Performance of the promise past, was hopte for of ech side:
And lookt for out of hand:
such vowes did we two make,
As God himself had present been, record thereof to take.

And for my part I sweare,
by all the Gods aboue,
I neuer thought of other friend,
nor sought for other loue.
The same consent in her,
I saw ful oft appeare,
If eies could see, or head could judge,
or eare had power to heare.

Yet loe words are but winde, an other new come guest, Hath won her fauour (as I feare) as fancies rise in brest. Her friend that wel deserues, is out of countenaunce quite, She makes the game to see me shoot, while others hit the white.

He way wel beat the bush, as manie thousands doo:
And misse the birds, and haply loose his part of feathers too.
He hops without the ring, yet daunceth on the trace,
When some come after soft and faire, a heauie hobling pace.

In these vnconstant daies, such troth these women haue:
As wauering as the aspen leaf they are, so God me saue.
For no deserts of men are weid, what ere they be:
For in a mood their minds are led with new delights we see.

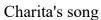
The guiltlesse goeth to wrack, the gorgeous peacocks gay:
They do esteem vpon no cause, and turne their friends away.
I blame not al for one, some flowers grow by the weeds,
Some are as sure as lock and key, and just of words and deeds.

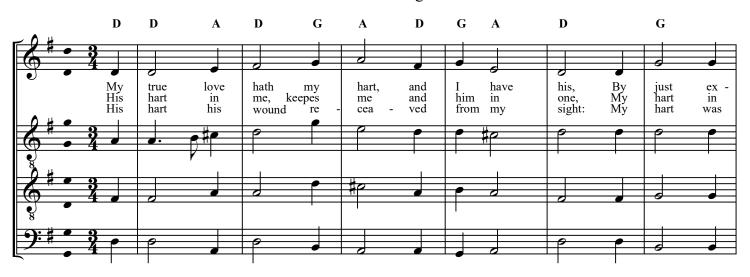
And yet of one I waile,
of one I crie and plaine:
And for her sake shall neuer none,
so nip my heart againe:
If for offence or fault.
I had been floong at heele:
The lesse had been my bitter smart,
and gnawing greefe I feele.

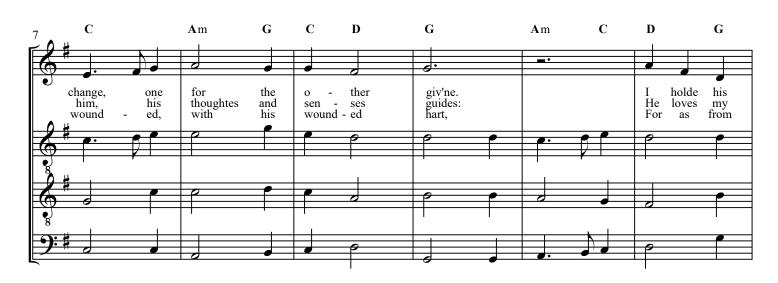
But being once reteind,
a friend by her consent:
And after that to be disdaind,
when best good will I ment,
I take it nothing well,
for if my power could show,
With Larum bel and open crie,
the world should throughly know.

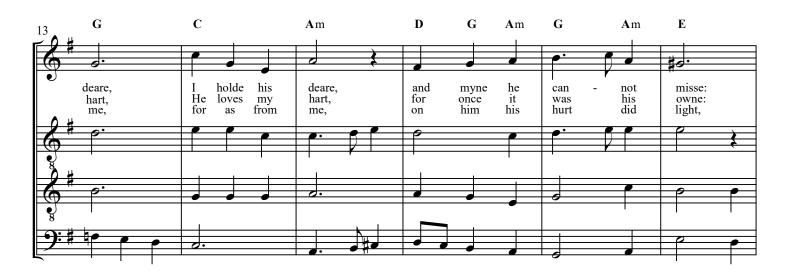
My true love hath my hart

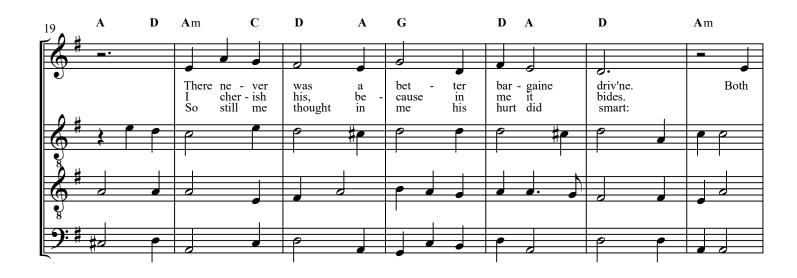
Sir Philip Sidney, 1590

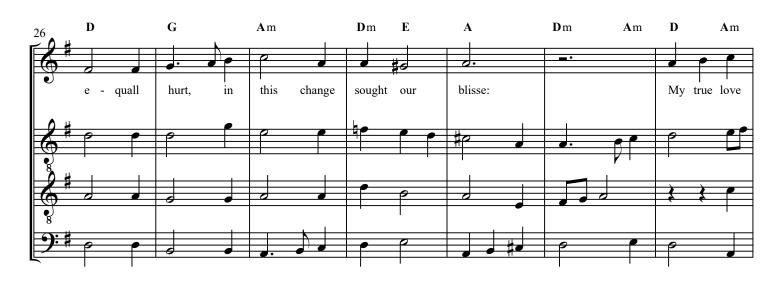


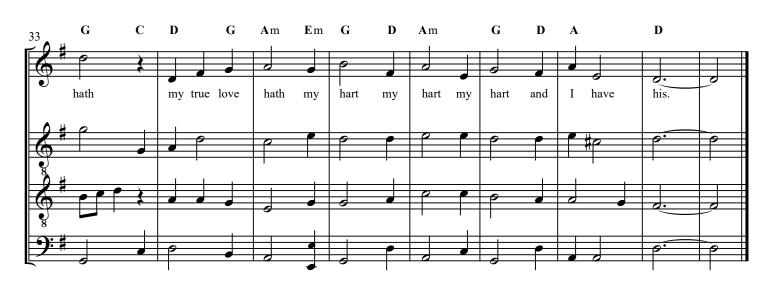




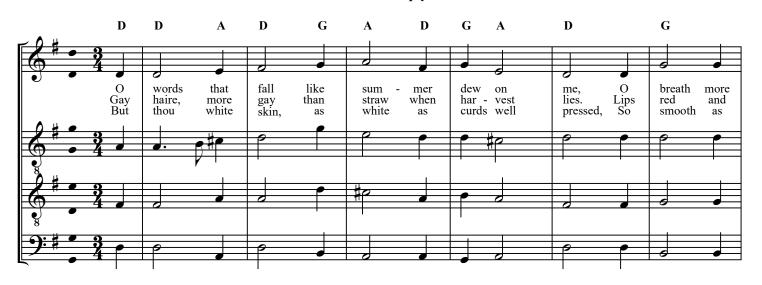


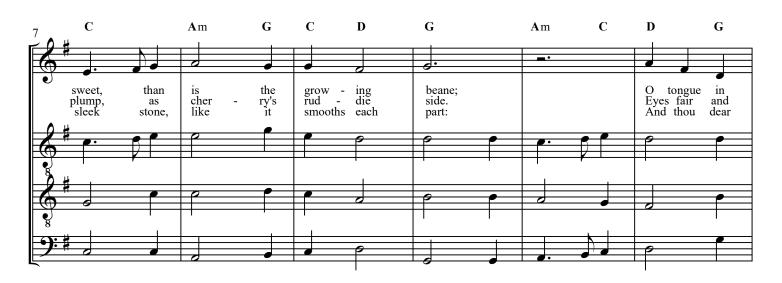


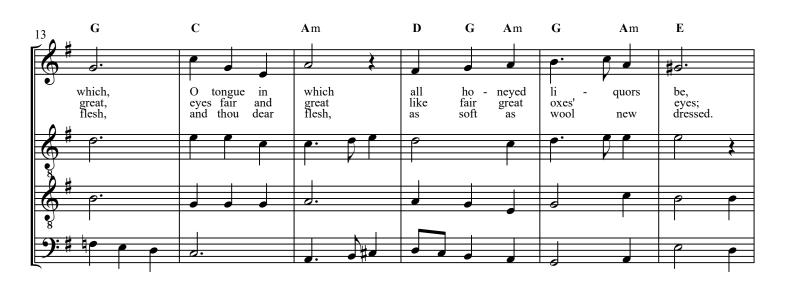


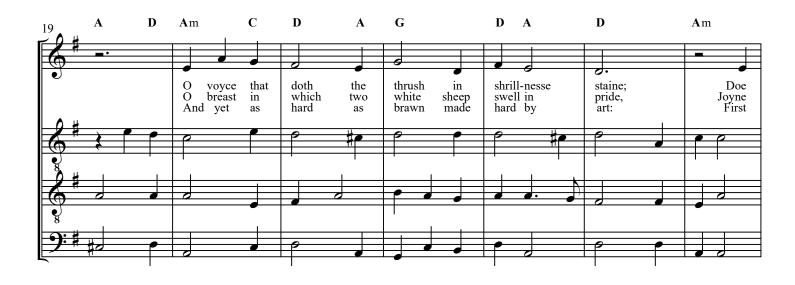


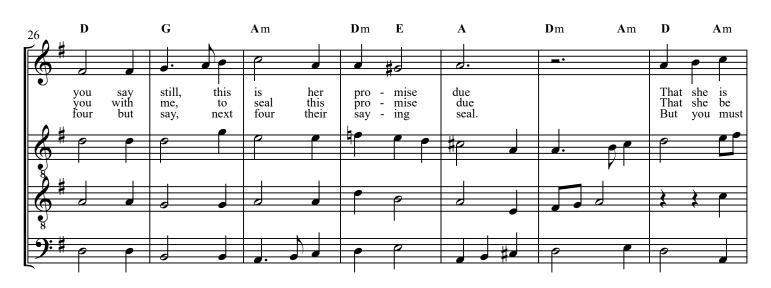
My true love hath my hart Dametas' reply

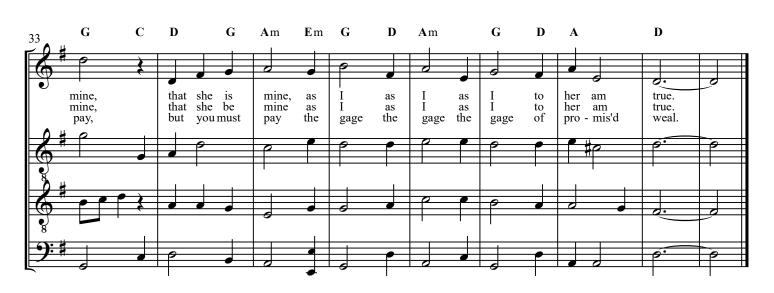








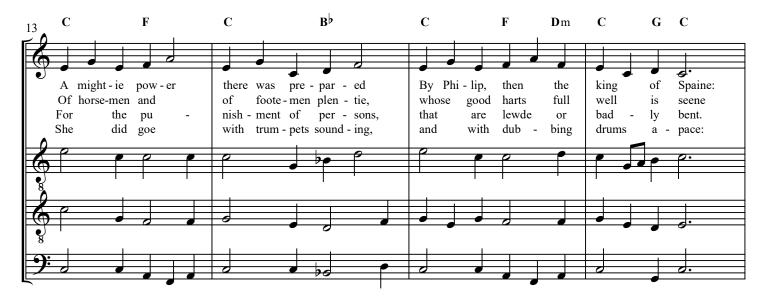


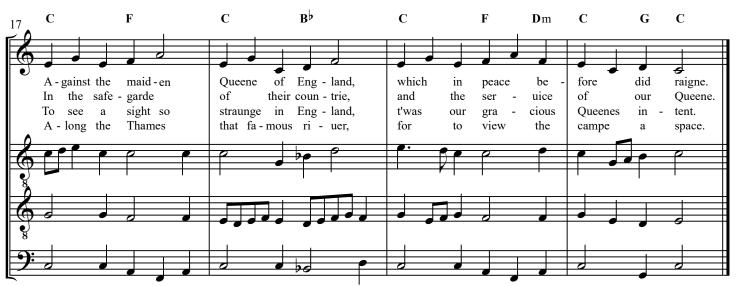


The Queenes visiting of the Campe at Tilsburie

Thomas Deloney, 1588?







When she as farre as Grauesend came, right ouer against that prettie towne:
Her royall grace with all her traine, was landed there with great renowne.
The Lords and Captaines of her forces, mounted on their gallant horses,
Readie stood to entertaine her,
like martiall men of courage bold:
Welcome to the campe dread soueraigne, thus they said both yong and old.

The Bulworkes strong that stood thereby, well garded with sufficient men:
Their flags were spred couragiously, their cannons were discharged then.
Each Gunner did declare his cunning, for ioy conceiued of her coming.
All the way her Grace was riding, on each side stood armed men:
With Muskets, Pikes, and good Caleeuers, for her Graces safegarde then.

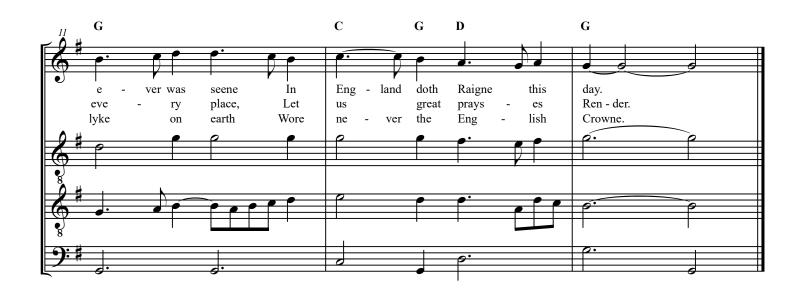
The Lord generall of the field,
had there his bloudie auncient borne:
The Lord marshals coulors eke,
were carried there all rent and torne.
The which with bullets was so burned,
when in Flaunders he soiourned.
Thus in warlike wise they martched
euen as soft as foote could fall:
Because her Grace was fully minded,
perfectly to view them all.

Her faithfull souldiers great and small, as each one stood within his place:
Vpon their knees began to fall, desiring God to saue her Grace.
For ioy whereof her eyes was filled, that the water downe distilled.
Lord blesse you all my friendes (she said) but doe not kneele so much to me:
Then sent she warning to the rest, they should not let such reuerence be.

Then casting vp her Princely eyes, vnto the hill with perfect sight:
The ground all couered, she espyes, with feet of armed souldiers bright.
Whereat her royall hart so leaped, on her feet vpright she stepped.
Tossing vp her plume of feathers, to them all as they did stand:
Chearfully her body bending, wauing of her royall hand.

And then bespake our noble Queene, my louing friends and countriemen:
I hope this day the worst is seen, that in our wars ye shall sustain.
But if our enimies do assaile you, neuer let your stomackes falle you.
For in the midst of all your troupe, we our selues will be in place:
To be your ioy, your guide and comfort, euen before your enimies face.





To the glory of god she hath made a Rod Hir enemies to subdue; And banisht away all Papisticall play And maintaynes the Ghospell true.

Such ships for the Seas, her foes to feaze, She hath made as never was seene; With powder and shot and Cannon so hot, As never did any Queene.

Such Armor of proofe, with picks all a-loofe (Her enemyes to with-stande), She hath filled the tower so full, at this howre, As never was in this land.

Her stately Bowers, her Castles and Towres, She hath kept them up everye one; That none doe decay, but stand goodlye and gay, Repayred with lyme and stone. The custome-howse keyes, the fortes by the seas, The blocke-howses everye one, Were never so stronge, continuing soe long; For cost she hath spared none.

Those Rebels Route,
that were so stoute,
She hath quickly made them quaile.
By Sea and by lande,
she hath strength at hand,
To make them stricke their sayle.

The Muscovite
with many a knight,
The Swesians and Denmarke kinge,
To her good grace
send hither, a-pace,
For many a needfull thing.

The Scots can tell, the Spaniards knowe well, The Frenchmen cannot denye, But her good grace, toward every place Doth carry a gratious eye. Now let us take heede, seinge well we speede, That our synnes do not annoy Our blessed joy, and chyefest staye, Because we have deserved it so.

Yet god, that doth see
her majestye
His servaunt in all assayes,
His grace will give
that she may lyve
Many prosperous yeares and dayes.

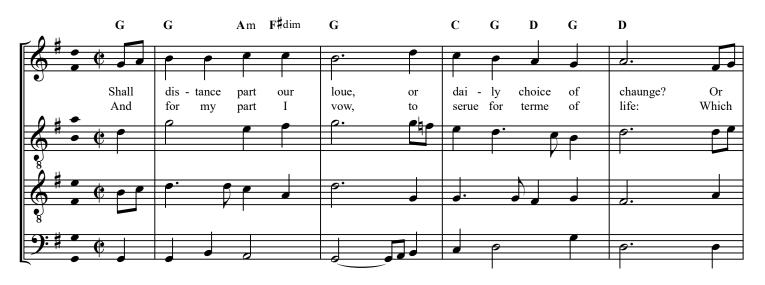
All yow that give eare this song to heare, With dilligent dutye all praye That long upon earth Elizabeth Our Queene continue maye.

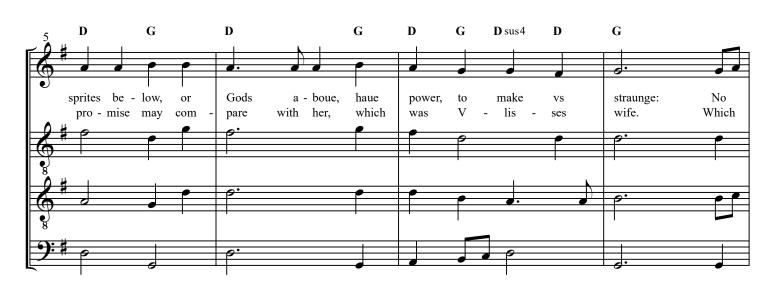
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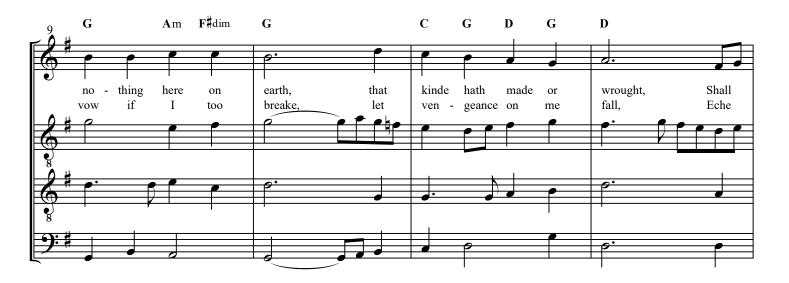
Shall distance part our loue

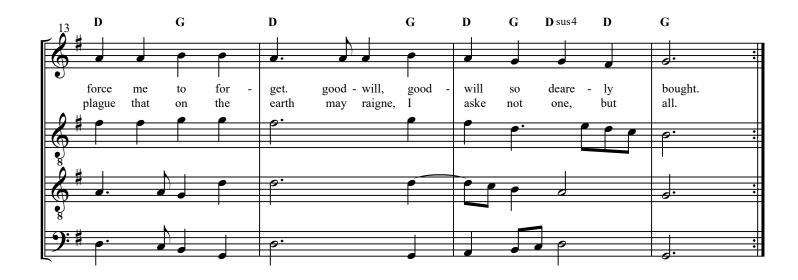
A faithfull vow of two constant Louers

Clement Robinson, 1584 tune is New Rogero









Though time may breede suspect,
to fill your hart with toyes:
And absence may a mischefe breede,
to let your wished ioyes:
Yet thinke I haue a troth,
and honesty to keepe:
And weigh the time your loue hath dwelt,
within my hart so deep.

And peise the words I spake, and marke my countenance then: And let not slip no earnest sigh, if thou remember can. At least forget no teares, that trickled downe my face: And marke howe off I wroong your hand, and blushed all the space.

Remember how I sware,
and strook there with my brest:
In witnesse when thou partst me fro,
my heart with thee should rest.
Thinke on the eger lookes,
full loth to leaue thy sight,
That made the signes when that she list,
to like no other wight.

If this be out of thought,
yet call to minde againe,
The busie sute, the much adoe,
the labour and the paine,
That at the first I had,
ere thy good will I gate:
And think how for thy loue alone,
I purchase partly hate.

But all is one with me,
my heart so setled is:
No friend, nor foe, nor want of wealth,
shall neuer hurt in this.
Be constant now therefore,
and faithfull to the end?
Be carefull how we both may do,
to be ech others friend.

With free and cleane consent, two hearts in one I knit: Which for my part, I vow to keep, and promise not to flit, Now let this vow be kept, exchange thy heart for mine: So shal two harts be in one breast, and both of them be thine.











A booke of Songes So that they all may be herd.