# Three madrigals 

1. Since First
2. Weep
3. Pastime

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## Notes

These madrigals, written on the $12^{\text {th }}$ and $13^{\text {th }}$ of August, 2006, were inspired by madrigals that are part of the standard repertoire of the Australian University Choral Societies. All three madrigals are for three voice parts, and can be sung by a mezzo-soprano and two men, or by a mezzo, an alto, and a male. If the middle part is sung by an alto, then the male should double the low D in bar X of Since First.

The first madrigal, Since first, is a love song, dedicated to my wife, Leanne. It should be sung gently, with bars 12 to 18 being particularly lyrical.

The second madrigal, Weep, began as being inspired by Weep O Mine Eyes, but ended up adopting a snippet of biblical text (from the lamentations of Jeremiah???).

The third and final madrigal, Pastime, is inspired by the well-known work attributed to Henry VIII. It adopts harmonies that suggest a medieval atmosphere, while using a rather modern alternating $3 / 4$ and $6 / 8$ time signature (a la Bernstein).

Enjoy!
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