

O that the learned poets

Orlando Gibbons
(1583-1625)

Soprano 1 *f* O that the learn - ed po - ets

Soprano 2 *f* O that the learn-ed po - ets of this _____ time, this

Tenor 1 _____ *f* O that the

Tenor 2 *f* O that the learn-ed po - ets

Bass _____ *f* O

S of this time, this time, O that the learn-ed, learn-ed
time, O that the learn - ed po - ets,

T learn - ed po - ets,
of this time, the learn - ed po - ets of this time, the

B that the learn-ed po - ets of this time, the learn - ed

S po - ets of this time, _____ this time, of
O that the learn-ed po - ets of this time, the learn - ed

T _____ O that the learn-ed po - ets

B learn - ed po - ets of this time,
po - ets of this time,

S this time, of this time

T po - ets of this time, Who

B of this time, O that the

O that the learn - ed

O that the learn - ed po - ets of this

S Who in a love - sick line so well can speak,

T in a love-sick line so well- can speak, who in a love-sick

B learn-ed po - ets of this time, Who in a love-sick line, who in a

po - ets of this time, Who in a love-sick

time, of this time, Who

S who in a love-sick line so well can speak, who

T line, who in a love-sick line so well can speak, so well can

B love - sick line so well can speak, who in a love-sick

line so well can speak, who in a love-sick line

in a love-sick line, who in a love-sick line

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S in a love - sick line so well can speak,
 speak, who in a love-sick line so well can speak, *mf* Would

T line so well can speak,
 so well can speak, *mf* Would not

B so well, so well can speak, *mf* Would not con -

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S *mf* Would not con - sume good wit, con -
 not con - sume good wit in hate-ful rhyme, con-sume

T *mf* Would not con - sume,
 con - sume good wit in hate - ful rhyme, would

B sume good wit in hate - ful rhyme,

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S sume good wit in hate-ful rhyme, good wit in
 good wit in hate-ful rhyme, good wit in hate - ful

T would

B not con - sume good wit, good wit in hate - ful rhyme,

S hate-ful rhyme, _____ good wit _____ in hate - ful rhyme, But with
 rhyme, in hate-ful rhyme, But with deep care some_ bet-ter

T not con-sume good wit in hate - ful rhyme, But with
 good wit in hate-_____ ful rhyme, in hate- ful_____ rhyme, But

B _____
 good wit in hate - ful rhyme, But with deep

40 *cresc.* 45
 S deep care _____ some bet - ter sub - ject find, some bet-_____ ter
 sub-_____ ject find, But with _____ deep care some _____ bet-_____ ter sub-
 T deep care some bet-ter sub-_____ ject find, some bet-ter sub-ject
 B with deep care some bet-_____ ter sub - ject find, but with
 care _____ some bet - ter sub - ject find, some bet - ter sub - ject

S ject find. **f** For if their mu-sic please in earth-
 ject find. **f** For if _____ their _____ mu - sic

T find. **f** For if their mu-sic please in earth-_____ ly _____ things,
 B deep care some bet - ter sub-_____ ject find. **f** For
 find. **f** For

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S ly things, in earth- ly things, for if their mu - sic
 please, for if their mu-

T their mu-sic please in earth - ly things,
 if their mu-sic please in earth - ly things, in earth- ly things,

B if their mu-sic please in earth- ly things, for if, for if their mu-sic

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S please in earth - ly, earth-ly things, please in earth - ly,
 sic please in earth-ly things, for if their mu-sic

T for if their mu-sic please in earth - ly
 in earth-ly things,

B please in earth - ly things,

S earth - ly things,
 please in earth - ly things, in earth - ly things, in earth-

T things, for if their mu-sic please in earth - ly things, in earth - ly
 for if their mu-sic please in earth - ly things, *sostenuto*

B for if their mu-sic please in earth - ly things, How would

60 *sostenuto*

S How would it sound if strung with heaven- ly

T ly things, How would it sound if strung with

B in earth - ly things, How would it sound if strung with heaven-ly strings.

it sound if strung with heaven - ly strings, with

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S strings, how would it sound if strung with heaven- ly

T heaven - ly strings, how would it sound if strung with heaven-

B strings, how would it sound if

if strung with heaven - ly strings, if

heaven - ly strings, _____

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S strings, heaven- ly strings?

T ly strings ?

B strung with heaven - ly strings?

strung with heaven- ly strings?

if strung with heaven - ly strings?