

# O Sweet Alas What Say You?

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Cantus

Altus

Tenor

Bassus

O sweet alas, O sweet alas, O sweet alas what  
O sweet alas, O sweet alas, O sweet alas what  
O sweet alas, alas, what  
O sweet alas, what

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say you? O sweet alas, O sweet alas, O sweet a-  
say you? O sweet a - las, O sweet a - las, O sweet a-  
say you? O sweet a - las, O sweet a - las, a - las  
O sweet alas, O sweet alas, what

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- las what say you? O sweet a - las, O sweet a-  
- las what say you? O sweet a-las, O sweet a-las a-  
what say you? O sweet a-las, O sweet a-las,  
say you? O sweet a - las, O sweet a-

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- las what say you? Ay me, Ay me, that  
- las what say you? Ay me, Ay me, Ay me, Ay  
what say you? Ay me, Ay me, Ay me, Ay me,  
las, what say you? Ay me, Ay me, Ay me, Ay  
face, Ay me, that face, that face dis - clo-ses. The Scar-let blush  
me, that face, Ay me, that face dis - clo-ses. The Scar-let blush  
that face, Ay me, that face dis - clo-ses. The Scar-let blush, the  
me, that face, Ay me, that face dis - clo-ses, The Scar-let blush, the  
of sweet ver-mi-lion Ros - es, and yet a - las,  
of sweet ver-mi-lion Ros - es, and yet a - las, and yet a -  
Scar-let blush of sweet ver-mi-lion Ros - es, and yet a - las, a -  
Scar-let blush of sweet ver-mi-lion Ros - es, and yet a - las, and yet a -  
and yet a - las, I know not if such a crim-son stain-ing be for  
- las, a - las I know not, If such a crim-son stain-ing be for  
- las, and yet a - las, I know not, If such a crim-son stain-ing be for  
- las, a - las, I know not, If such a crim-son stain-ing be for

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love, be for love or dis - dain - ing. But if of love it  
 love, be for love, be for love or dis - dain - ing. But if of love it  
 love, be for love or dis - dain - ing. But if of love it grow not,  
 love, or dis - dain - ing. But if of love it grow not,  
 grow not, but if of love it grow not, but if of love it grow not,  
 grow not, but if of love it grow not, but if of love it grow not,  
 but if of love, of love it grow not, but if of love it grow not, but if of  
 but if of love it grow not, but if of love it grow not, but if of  
 but if of love it grow not, but if of love it grow not, but if of  
 but if of love it grow not, be it dis - dain con -  
 but if of love, but if of love it grow not, be it dis - dain con - ceiv -  
 love, but if of love, but if of love it grow not, be it dis - dain, dis-dain con -  
 if of love, but if of love it grow not, be it dis - dain con - ceiv -  
 - ceiv - ed, to see us of love's fruits so long, so long be - reav -  
 - ed, to see us of love's fruits so long be - reav - ed, so long be - reav -  
 - ceiv-ed, to see us of love's fruits so long, so long be -  
 - ed, to see us of love's fruits so long be - reav - ed, so long be - reav -

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A musical score for voice and piano. The vocal part is in soprano clef, and the piano part is in treble clef. The score consists of four staves of music. The first three staves each have two measures, labeled '1.' and '2.' above them. The fourth staff has one measure labeled '1.' and another measure labeled '2.'. The lyrics are: '- ed. -ed.' in the first measure of the first three staves; '- ed. -ed.' in the second measure of the first three staves; '- reav-ed. But -ed.' in the first measure of the fourth staff; and '- ed. But -ed.' in the second measure of the fourth staff. Measure numbers '1.' and '2.' are placed above the notes in the first three staves, and below the notes in the fourth staff.