

Thomas WHEELKES - O Care, thou wilt despatch me

Thomas WHEELKES (ca 1575 – 1623) – O Care, thou wilt despatch me (f → d)

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Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B), Continuo (G)

O Care, thou wilt despatch me,

Tenor (T), Bass (B)

if Music do not match thee. Fa la la la la la,

Bass (B)

Fa la la la la la. So deadly dost thou sting me,

Bass (B)

Mirth only help can

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Handwritten musical score for voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and basso continuo. The score consists of four staves. The vocal parts are in common time, with a key signature of one sharp. Measure 45 starts with a forte dynamic. Measures 46-47 show a melodic line in the soprano and alto parts. Measure 48 begins with a basso continuo entry. Measure 49 concludes with a basso continuo coda. The lyrics "bring me." are written below the vocal parts.

bring me.

Handwritten musical score for voices and basso continuo, continuing from measure 50. The vocal parts are in common time with one sharp. The basso continuo part is prominent, featuring eighth-note patterns. The lyrics "Fa la la la la, Fa la la la la la." are written below the vocal parts.

Fa la la la la, Fa la la la la la.

Handwritten musical score for voices and basso continuo, continuing from measure 56. The vocal parts are in common time with one sharp. The basso continuo part features sustained notes and grace notes. The lyrics "Hence, Care! thou art too cruel," are written below the vocal parts.

Hence, Care! thou art too cruel,

Handwritten musical score for voices and basso continuo, continuing from measure 69. The vocal parts are in common time with one sharp. The basso continuo part is prominent. The lyrics "Come, Music, sick man's jewel." are written below the vocal parts.

Come, Music, sick man's jewel.

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82

Fa la la la la la, Fa la la la la la la.

88

His force had well nigh slain me,

But

100

thou must now sustain me.

106

Fa la la la la la, Fa la la la la la la.