

It was a time when silly Bees could speake

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SOPRANO

It was a time when sil - ly Bees could speake,
 Thenthus I buzzed when time no sap would give:
 My liege, gods grant thy time may ne - ver end,

ALTO

It was a time, a time, when sil - ly Bees could speake,
 Then thus I buzzed, I buzzed, when time no sap would give:
 My liege, Gods grant, Gods grant thy time may ne - ver end,

TENOR

It was a time, a time when sil - ly Bees could speake,
 Thenthus I buzzed, I buzzed, when time no sap would give:
 My liege, Gods grant, Gods grant thy time may ne - ver end,

BASS

It was a time, a time when sil - ly bees could speake
 Then thus I buzzed, I buzzed, when time no sap would give:
 My liege, Gods grant, Gods grant thy time may ne - ver end,

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S.

And in that time I was a sil - ly Bee,
 Why should this bles - sed time to me be dry,
 And yet vouch - safe to hear my 'plaint of time,

A.

And in that time I was, I was a sil - ly Bee,
 Why should this bles - sed time, this time to me be dry,
 And yet vouch - safe to hear, to hear my 'plaint of time,

T.

And in that time I was a sil - ly Bee,
 Why should this bles - sed time to me be dry,
 And yet vouch - safe to hear my 'plaint of time,

B.

And in that time I was a sil - ly Bee,
 Why should this bles - sed time to me be dry,
 And yet vouch - safe to hear my 'plaint of time,

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S.

Who fed on Time un - til my heart 'gan break,
Sith by this Time the la - zy drone doth live,
Which fruit - less flies have found to have a friend,

A.

Who fed on Time un - til my heart, my heart 'gan break,
Sith by this Time the la - zy drone, the drone doth live,
Which fruit-less flies have found to have, to have a friend,

T.

Who fed on Time un - til my heart 'gan break,
Sith by this Time the la - zy drone doth live,
Which fruit - less flies have found to have a friend,

B.

Who fed on Time un - til my heart 'gan break,
Sith by this Time the la - zy drone doth live,
Which fruit - less flies have found to have a friend,

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S.

Yet ne - ver found the time would fa - vour me.
The wasp, the worm, the gnat, the but - ter - fly?
And I cast down when A - to - mies do climb.

A.

Yet ne - ver found the time would fa - vour me.
The wasp, the worm, the gnat, the but - ter - fly?
And I cast down when A - to - mies do climb.

T.

Yet ne - ver found the time, the time would fa - vour me.
The wasp, the worm, the gnat, the gnat, the but - ter - fly?
And I cast down, cast down when A - to - mies do climb.

B.

Yet ne - ver found the time would fa - vour me.
The wasp, the worm, the gnat, the but - ter - fly?
And I cast down when A - to - mies do climb.

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S. Of all the swarme I on - ly did not thrive,
 Ma - ted with grief I knee - led on my knees,
 The king re - plied but thus: Peace, pee - vish Bee,

A. Of all the swarme I on - ly, I on - ly did not thrive,
 Ma - ted with grief I kneel - ed, I kneel - ed on my knees,
 The king re - plied but thus: Peace, pee - vish_ pee-vish Bee,

T. Of all the swarme, the swarme I on - ly, on - ly did not thrive,
 Ma - ted with grief, with grief, I kneel - ed, kneel - ed on my knees,
 The king re - plied, re - plied but thus: Peace, pee - vish, pee-vish Bee,

B. Of all the swarme, the swarme I on - ly, I on - ly did not thrive,
 Ma - ted with grief, with grief, I kneel - ed, I kneel - ed on my knees,
 The king re - plied, re - plied but thus: Peace, pee - vish, pee-vish Bee,

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S. Yet brought I waxe and ho - ney to the hive.
 and thus com-plained un - to the king of bees:
 Thou'rt bound to serve the time, the time not thee.

A. Yet brought I waxe and ho - ney, ho - ney to the hive.
 And thus com - plained un - to the king, theking of Bees:
 Thou'rt bound to serve the time, the time, thetime not thee.

T. Yet brought I waxe and ho - ney to the hive.
 And thus complained un - to theking of Bees:
 Thou'rt bound to serve the time, thetime not thee.

B. Yet brought I waxe and ho - ney to the hive.
 And thus complained un - to the king of Bees:
 Thou'rt bound to serve the time, the time not thee.