

Sweet Day

(No. 1 of *Three Elizabethan Part Songs*)

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(1872-1958)

Andantino tranquillo
p dolce

SOPRANO
Sweet day! so cool, so calm, so bright, The bri - dal

ALTO
Sweet day! so cool, so calm, so bright, The bri - dal

TENOR
Sweet day! so cool, so calm, so bright, The bri - dal

BASS
Sweet day! so cool, so calm, so bright, The bri - dal

Piano
(for rehearsal only)
p dolce

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of the earth and sky, The dew shall weep thy fall to - night;

of the earth and sky, The dew shall weep thy fall to - night;

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of the earth and sky, The dew shall weep thy fall to - night;

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For thou must die. Sweet spring!

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dim. *pp* *mf*

dim. *pp* *mf*

dim. *pp* *mf*

dim. *pp* *mf*

dim. *pp* *mf*

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full of sweet days and roses, A box where

full of sweet days and roses, A box where

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sweets com - pact - ed lie, My mu - sic shows ye

sweets com - pact - ed lie, My mu - sic shows ye

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have your clos - es, And all must die.

have your clos - es, And all must die.

have your clos - es, And all must die.

have your clos - es, And all must die.

have your clos - es, And all must die.

35 *ppp*

On - ly a sweet and vir - tuous soul, Like sea - soned tim - ber, ne - ver gives;

ppp

On - ly a sweet and vir - tuous soul, Like sea - soned tim - ber ne - ver gives;

ppp

8 On - ly a sweet and vir - tuous soul, Like sea - soned tim - ber ne - ver gives;

ppp

On - ly a sweet and vir - tuous soul, Like sea - soned tim - ber ne - ver gives;

ppp

43 *ppp* *poco rall.*

But though the whole world turn to coal, Then chief - ly lives.

ppp

But though the whole world turn to coal, Then chief - ly lives.

ppp

8 But though the whole world turn to coal, Then chief - ly lives.

ppp

But though the whole world turn to coal, Then chief - ly lives.

ppp *poco rall.*