

My mind to me a kingdom is

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius
[Soprano]
The first singing part

Medius
[Alto]

Contratenor
[Alto]

Tenor
[Tenor]

Bassus
[Bass]

My mind to me a

My mind to me a king - dom is,

My mind to me a king - dom is, a king - dom

My mind to

My mind to me a king-dom is, a

king - dom is, such per - fect joy there - in I

such per - fect, such per - fect joy there - in I find, there - in I

is, such per - fect joy there - in I

me a king - dom is, such per - fect joy there - in I find:

king - dom is, such per - fect joy there - in I

find: That it ex - cels all o - ther bliss,

find, there - in I find: That it ex - cels all o - ther

find: That it ex - cels all o - ther bliss, all o - ther

That it ex - cels all o - ther bliss, all o - ther bliss, which God or

find: that it ex - cels all o - ther bliss, which

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which God or Na - ture hath as - signed. Though much I
 bliss, which God or Na - ture hath as - signed: Though much I want, that most would
 bliss, which God or Na - ture hath as - signed, hath as - signed: Though much I want that
 Na - ture hath as - signed, hath as - signed, hath as - signed: Though much I want,
 God or Na - ture hath as - - signed: Though much I want,

want, that most would have, yet still my
 have, would have, yet still my mind for - bids to - - crave,
 most would have, would have, yet still my mind, yet still my mind -
 though much I want that most would have, yet still my mind for -
 that most would have, yet still my mind,

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mind, for - bids to crave. Though much I
 for - bids to crave, to crave. Though much I want, though much I want, that
 - - for - bids to - - crave, for - bids to - - crave. Though much I want that most would
 - bids to crave, to crave. Though much I want, that most would have, that most would have,
 for - bids to crave, to crave. Though much I want that most would have,

want that most would have, yet still my
 most would have, would have, yet still my mind for - bids to
 have, would have, yet still my mind for - bids to crave,
 though much I want that most would have, yet still my mind, for -
 have, that most would have, yet still my mind

mind for - bids to crave, yet still my mind for - bids to crave, to crave.
 crave, to crave, yet still my mind for - bids to crave.
 for - bids to crave, yet still my mind for - bids to crave.
 -bids to crave, to crave, to crave, for - bids to crave.
 for - bids to crave, to crave, yet still my mind for - bids to crave.

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III.10.2: *that*

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| <p>1. My minde to me a kingdome is,
 such perfect joy therin I find,
 That it excells all other blisse,
 which God or Nature hath assign'd.
 Though much I want, that most would have,
 yet still my mind forbids to crave.</p> | <p>3. I see that plentie surfeits oft,
 and hastie clymbers soonest fall:
 I see that such as are a loft,
 mishap doth threaten most of all:
 these get with toyle and keepe with feare,
 such cares my minde can never beare.</p> | <p>5. I laugh not at anothers losse,
 nor grudge not at anothers gaine:
 no worldly waves my minde can tosse,
 I brooke that is anothers bane:
 I feare no foe nor fawne on friend,
 I loth not lyfe nor dread mine end.</p> |
| <p>2. No princely port nor welthie store,
 no force to winne a victorie,
 no wyly wit to salve a sore,
 no shape to winne a loving eye:
 to none of these I yeld as thrall,
 for why my minde despise them all.</p> | <p>4. I presse to beare no haughtie sway,
 I wish no more then may suffice:
 I doe no more than well I may,
 look what I want my minde supplies,
 loe thus I triumph like a King,
 my minde content with any thing.</p> | <p>6. My wealth is health and perfect ease,
 and conscience cleere my chiefe defence,
 I never seeke by brybes to please,
 nor by desert to give offence:
 thus doe I live, thus will I dye,
 would all did so as well as I.</p> |

Sir Edward Dyer (1543-1607)

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