

Can She Excuse My Wrongs?

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Cantus

Can she ex - cuse my wrongs with ver - tues
 Are those cleer fires which va - nish in - to
 Was I so base, that I might not as-
 As they are high, so high is my de-

Altus

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Tenor

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Bassus

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 Was I so base, that I might not, might not as-
 As they are high, so high is my de - sire, de-

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cloak? shall I call her good when she proves un-
 smoak? must I praise the leaves where no fruit I
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bo - dies stand, thou maist bee a-
- ten on sand, or to bub - bles
rea - son is, It is rea - sons
gran - ting this, Or cut off de-

sha - dows do for bo - dies stand, thou must be a-
like to words writ - ten on sand, or to bub - bles
rea - son is, rea - son is, It is rea - sons
gran - ting this, gran - ting this, Or cut off de-

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words writ - ten on sand, or to bub - bles
rea - son, which rea - son, is, It is rea - sons
gran - ting, by gran - ting this, Or cut off de-

for writ which by ten on sand, is, thou maist bee a-
rea - son gran - ting this, Or cut off de-

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- busde if thy sight be dim.
which on the wa - ter swim.
will that love should be just.
- layes if that I die must.

- busde, a - bused if thy sight be dim.
which on the love, wa - ter swim.
will that love, should be just.
- layes if that I die must.

- busde if thy sight, thy sight be dim.
which on that love, that should wa - ter swim.
will that if that, I be just.
- layes if that, I die must.

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Wilt thou be thus a - bu - sed still, see - ing that she wil
Bet - ter a thou - sand times to die, then for to live thus

Wilt thou be thus a - bu - sed still, see - ing that she wil right
Bet - ter a thou - sand times to die, then for to live thus still

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Bet - ter a thou - sand times to die, then for to

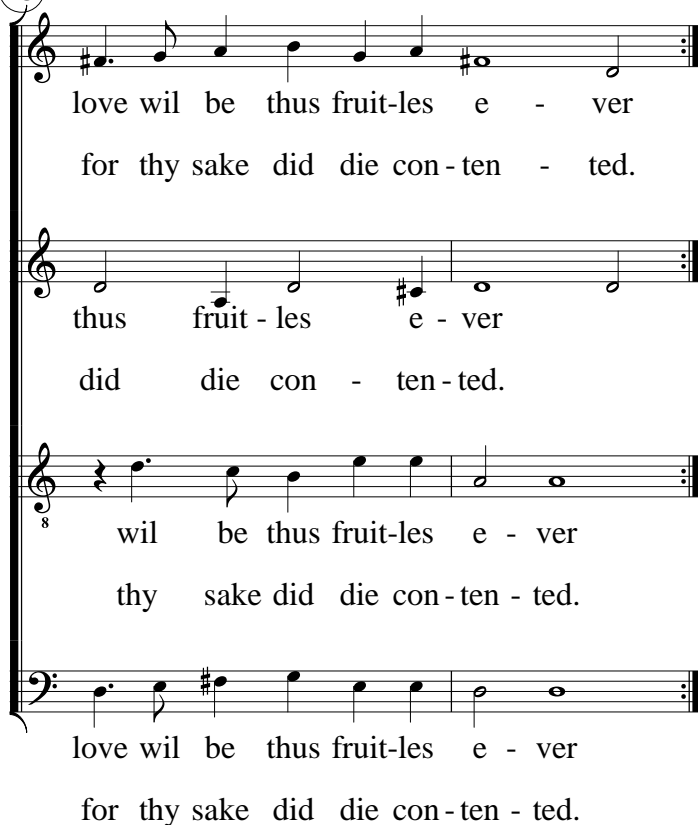
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right thee ne - ver? if thou canst not ore - com her wil, thy
 still tor-men - ted: Deare but re - mem - ber it was I Who
 thee ne - ver? if thou canst not ore - com her wil, thy love wil be
 tor - men-ted: Deare but re - mem - ber it was I Who for thy sake
 she wil right thee ne - ver? if thou canst not ore - com her wil, thy love
 live thus still tor - men - ted: Deare but re - mem - ber it was I Who for
 right thee ne - ver? if thou canst not ore - com her wil, thy
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love wil be thus fruit-les e - ver
 for thy sake did die con - ten - ted.
 thus fruit - les e - ver
 did die con - ten - ted.
 wil be thus fruit-les e - ver
 thy sake did die con - ten - ted.
 love wil be thus fruit-les e - ver
 for thy sake did die con - ten - ted.