

Poor is the life

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(c. 1580-1648)

Soprano 1
mf Poor is the life that miss - es the lo-ver's great-est trea - sure, In -

Soprano 2
mf Poor is the life that miss - es the lo-ver's great-est trea - sure, In -

Alto
mf Poor is the life that miss - es, In -

Tenor
8 *mf* Poor is the life that miss - es the lo-ver's great-est trea - sure,

Baritone
mf the lo-ver's great-est trea - sure, In -

Bass
mf the lo-ver's great-est trea - sure, In -

Practice

The first system of the musical score is for the vocal parts and practice. It consists of seven staves. The vocal parts are Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Alto, Tenor, Baritone, and Bass. The practice part is at the bottom. The music is in a minor key with a common time signature. The lyrics are: 'mf Poor is the life that miss - es the lo-ver's great-est trea - sure, In -'. The Soprano 1 and 2 parts have a melodic line with some grace notes. The Alto part has a similar line but ends with a fermata. The Tenor, Baritone, and Bass parts have a more rhythmic line. The practice part is a simple harmonic accompaniment.

S
nu - mer - a - ble kiss - es, Which end in end-less plea - sure, which end in end-less

A
nu - mer - a - ble kiss - es, Which end in end-less plea - sure, which end in

T
8 Which end in end-less plea - sure, in plea-sure, which

B
nu-mer - a-ble kiss - es, Which end in end-less plea-sure,

nu - mer - a - ble kiss - es, Which end in

The second system of the musical score continues the vocal parts and practice. It consists of seven staves. The vocal parts are Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The practice part is at the bottom. The lyrics are: 'nu - mer - a - ble kiss - es, Which end in end-less plea - sure, which end in end-less'. The Soprano and Alto parts have a melodic line. The Tenor part has a similar line but starts with a fermata. The Bass part has a more rhythmic line. The practice part is a simple harmonic accompaniment.

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S plea-sure. *f* O, then, if this be so, *p* O, then, if this be

A end - less plea- *mp* sure. *f* O, then, if this be so, *p* O, then, if this be

T 8 end in end-less plea- *mp* sure. *f* O, then, if this be so, *p* O, then, if this be

B in plea- *mp* sure. *f* O, then, if this be so, *p* O, then, if this be

end - less plea- *mp* sure. *f* O, then, if this be so, *p* O, then, if this be

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S so *mp* Shall I a vir-gin die? *f* Fie no, no, no! fie no, no, no!

A so *mp* Shall I a vir-gin die? *f* Fie no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no! *mp* shall I a vir-gin

T 8 so *f* Fie no, no, no! fie no, no, no! *mp* shall I a vir-gin

B so *f* Fie no, no, no, no! fie no, no, no!

so *f* Fie no, no, no! fie no, no, no!

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S *f* fie no, no, no! fie no, no, no! *mf* fie no, no, no! fie

A die? *f* Fie no, no, no! fie no, no, no! *mf* fie no, no, no! fie

T die? *f* Fie no, no, no! fie no, no, no! *mp* shall I a vir-gin die? *mf* Fie no, no, no! fie

B *f* Fie no, no, no, no! fie no, no, no! *mp* shall I a vir-gin die? *mf* Fie no, no, no! fie

f Fie no, no, no! fie no, no, no! *mp* shall I a vir-gin die? *mf* Fie no, no, no! fie

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S no, no, no, no, no! *f* O, then, if this be so, *p* O, then, if this be so *mp* Shall

A no, no, no, no, no! *f* O, then, if this be so, *p* O, then, if this be so *mp* Shall

T no, no, no, no, no! *f* O, then, if this be_ so, *p* O, then, if this be so

B no, no, no, no, no, no! *f* O, then, if this be so, *p* O, then, if this be_ so

no, no, no, no! *f* O, then, if this be_ so, *p* O, then, if this be so

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S I a vir-gin die? *f* Fie no, no, no! fie no, no, no! *f* fie no, no,

A I a vir-gin die? *f* Fie no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no! *mp* shall I a vir-gin die? *f* Fie no, no,

T I a vir-gin die? *f* Fie no, no, no, no! fie no, no, no! *mp* shall I a vir-gin die? *f* Fie no, no,

B *f* Fie no, no, no, no! fie no, no, no! *f* Fie no, no,

f Fie no, no, no! fie no, no, no! *f* Fie no, no,

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S no! fie no, no, no! *f* fie no, no, no, no! fie no, no, no, no!

A no! fie no, no, no! *f* fie no, no, no, no! fie no, no, no, no!

T no! fie no, no, no! *f* fie no, no, no! fie no, no, no!

B no, no! fie no, no, no! *mp* shall I a vir-gin die? *f* Fie no, no, no! fie no, no, no!

no! fie no, no, no! *mp* shall I a vir-gin die? *f* Fie no, no, no! fie no, no, no!