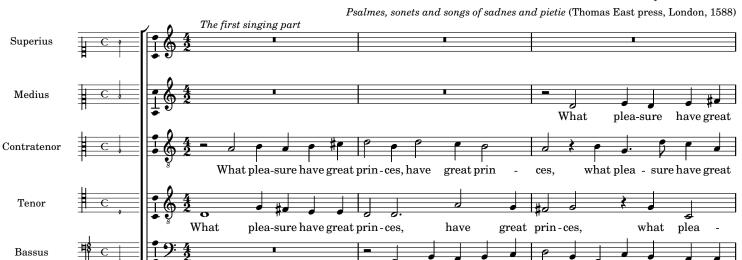
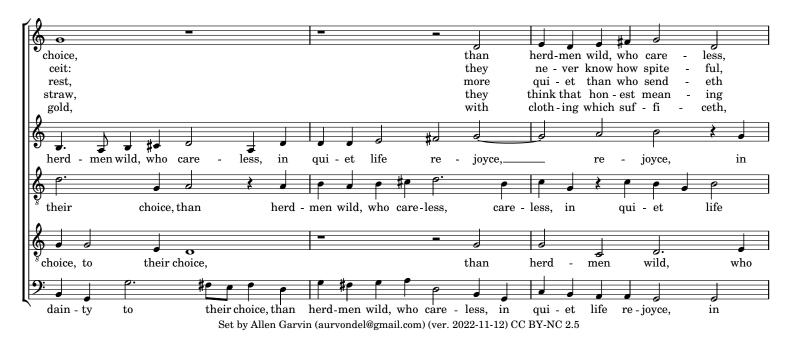
William Byrd (c.1540-1623)



What plea-sure have great prin-ces, more dain - ty







What pleasure have great princes: (score)

What pleasure have great princes, more dainty to their choice, than herdmen wild, who careless, in quiet life rejoyce, and fortunes fate not fearing, sing sweet, in Summer morning.

Their dealings plain and rightful, are void of all deceit: they never know how spiteful, it is to kneel and wait on favorite presumptuous, whose pride is vain and sumptuous.

All day their flocks each tendeth, at night they take their rest, more quiet than who sendeth his ship into the East, where gold and pearl are plenty, but getting very dainty.

For Lawyers and their pleading, they'steem it not a straw, they think that honest meaning is of itself a law, where conscience judgeth plainly, they spend no money vainly.

O happy who thus liveth, not caring much for gold, with clothing which sufficeth, too keep him from the cold, though poor and plain his diet, yet merry it is and quiet.