

Is Love a boy? / Boy, pity me

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Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Is Love a

Is Love a boy? Is Love a boy, a boy?

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Is Love a boy?

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boy? these, What means he then to strike? What means he then to strike? Or a

no one of these, but one com-pact of all, but one com-pact of all: a

Is Love a boy? What means he then to strike? What means he then to strike? all:

no one of these, but one com-pact of all, but one com-pact of all:

Is Love a boy? What means he then to strike, to strike?

no one of these, but one com-pact of all, of all:

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Or is he blind? Why will he be a guide? Is he a man? Is he a

a will-ful boy; a man still deal-ing blows, of pur-pose blind, of pur-pose

is he blind? Or is he blind? Why will he be a guide? Is he a man?

will-ful boy, a will-ful boy; a man still deal-ing blows, of pur-pose blind,

Or is he blind? Or is he blind? Why will he be a guide? Is he a man? Why

a will-ful boy, a will-ful boy; a man still deal-ing blows, of pur-pose blind, to

Or is he blind? Why will he be a guide? Is he a man?

a will-ful boy; a man still deal-ing blows, of pur-pose blind,

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man? Why doth he hurt his like? Why doth he hurt his like?
blind, to lead men to their thrall, to lead men to their thrall;

Why doth he hurt his like? Why doth he hurt his like? Is he a god?
to lead men to their thrall, to lead men to their thrall; a god that rules,

doth lead he hurt to his like? Why doth he hurt his like? Is
lead men to their thrall, to lead men to their thrall; a

Is he a man? Why doth he hurt to his like? Is he a man?
of pur - pose blind, to lead men to their thrall;

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Is he a god? Is he a god? Why doth he men de -
a god that rules, a god that rules; un - ru - ly God He

Is he a god? Is he a god? Why doth he men de - ride? Why
a god that rules, a god that rules; un - ru - ly God He knows, un -

he a god? Is he a god, a god?
god that rules, a god that rules, that rules;

Is he a god? Is he a god?
a god that rules, a god that rules;

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-ride? Why doth he men de - ride?
knows, un - ru - ly God He knows,

doth he men de - ride? Why doth he men de - ride, de - ride? Why doth he
-ru - ly God He knows, un - ru - ly God He knows, He knows, un - ru - ly

Why doth he men de - ride? Why doth he men de - ride, de - ride?
un - ru - ly God He knows, un - ru - ly God He knows, God He knows,

Why doth he men de - ride, de - ride?
un - ru - ly God He knows, he knows, Why un -

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child a - gain; blind be no more, blind be no more my guide
 blind be no more my guide_ to make_____ me stray, my guide_ to make_____ me_____
 be no more my guide_ to make me stray, to make_____ me stray; blind be no more to make_____ me
 blind be no more my guide_ to make_____ me stray; blind_ be no

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_____ to make_____ me stray, to make me_____ stray; Man use thy might
 stray, to make me stray, to make me_____ stray; Man, use thy might, Man use thy might to
 stray, my guide_ to make_____ me stray, to make me stray; Man, use thy might, Man use thy might
 more my guide, to make_____ me stray; Man, use thy might, to force a -

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to force a - way my pain, to force a - way my pain, to force_ a - way my pain;
 force a - way, to force a - way my pain, to force a - way my pain, my_____ pain;
 to force a - way my pain, to force a - way my_____ pain; God,
 way my pain, to force a - way my pain, to force a - way my pain,

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God, do me good, God, do me good, and lead me to my way,

God, do me good, God, do me good, do me good, and lead me to my way, and lead

do me good, God, do me good, God do me good, and lead me to my way, and lead

God, do me good, God, do me good, God, do me good, and lead me

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and lead me to my way, and lead me to my way;

me to my way, to my way, and lead me to my way; And if thou

me to my way, and lead me to my way, to my way; And if thou be'st

to my way, to my way, and lead me to my way, to my way; And if thou be'st

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And if thou be'st a pow'r to me un -

be'st a pow'r to me un - known, and if thou be'st a pow'r to me un -

a pow'r to me un - known, and if thou be'st a pow'r to

a pow'r to me un - known, to me un - known:

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-known: Pow'r of my life, let here thy grace be_

- - known, un - known: Pow'r of my life, let

me_ un-known, a pow'r to me un - - known: Pow'r of my

Pow'r of my life, of my life, Pow'r of my life,

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shown, let here thy grace be_

here thy grace be shown, be shown, let here thy grace_ be_

life, let here thy grace be_ shown, let here thy grace be

let here thy grace be_ shown, let here thy grace be shown,

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shown, let here thy_ grace_ be shown._

shown, thy grace be_ shown,_ let here thy grace be shown. And if thou shown.

shown, let here thy grace be_ shown. And if_ thou be'st shown.

let here thy grace be shown, let here thy grace be shown. And if_ thou be'st shown.