

# Adieu, ye city-prisoning towers

Songs of 3, 4, 5 & 6 parts (1622)

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(1572-1656)

Musical score for the first system of the piece. It features five vocal parts: Soprano 1\*, Soprano 2\*, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The Soprano parts have lyrics: "A - dieu, a - dieu, ye ci - ty pris'n-ing towers, ye pris'n - ing". The Alto part has lyrics: "A - dieu, a - dieu,". The Tenor part has lyrics: "A - dieu, a - dieu, ye ci - ty pris'n-ing". The Bass part is silent. Below the vocal parts is a piano accompaniment section labeled "Rehearsal only".

\*The two soprano parts swap over for the repeats  
(indicated by X in the score).

Musical score for the second system of the piece, starting at measure 7. It features five vocal parts: Soprano 1\*, Soprano 2\*, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The Soprano parts have lyrics: "towers; Bet - ter are the coun - try bowers, bet - ter are the coun-try bowers,". The Alto part has lyrics: "towers; Bet - ter are the coun - try bowers. Win-ter is gone, the". The Tenor part has lyrics: "Bet - ter are the coun - try bowers, the coun-try bowers, Win-ter is gone, the". The Bass part has lyrics: "towers; Bet - ter are the coun - try bowers, the coun-try bowers, Win-ter is gone, the". The piano accompaniment continues below the vocal parts.

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Win-ter is gone, the trees are spring - ing, are spring -  
trees are\_ spring - ing, are spring - -  
trees are spring - - ing, are spring - ing, are spring - -  
trees are spring - - ing, spring-ing, are spring - - - ing;  
Win-ter is gone, the trees are spring - - - ing,

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- ing; Birds on ev' - ry hedge sit sing-ing, sit -  
ing, spring-ing; Birds on ev' - ry hedge sit sing-ing, birds on ev'-ry hedge sit sing - ing,  
- ing; Birds on ev' - ry hedge sit sing - ing, birds on ev' - ry hedge sit sing - ing,  
Birds on ev' - ry hedge sit sing-ing, birds on ev' - ry hedge sit sing -  
trees are spring-ing; Birds on ev' - ry hedge sit sing-ing sit sing - ing,

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— sing - - ing, sit sing - - ing, sit  
 sit sing - - ing, sit sing - - - ing,  
 sit sing ing, sit sing - - - ing, sing -  
 ing, sing ing, sit sing - ing, sing - ing,  
 sing - ing, sit - - - sing - - - ing, sit

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sing - ing, sing - ing. Hark, how they chirp, how they chirp, how they  
 still sit sing - ing. Hark, how they chirp, how they chirp,  
 ing. Hark, how they chirp, how they chirp, they chirp, hark,  
 sit sing - - ing. Hark, how they chirp, how they chirp,  
 sing - - ing, sing-ing. Hark, how they chirp, how they chirp, how they

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chirp, how they chirp it, how they chirp, hark, how they chirp,  
 how they chirp, how they chirp, hark, how they chirp, how they  
 how they chirp, how they chirp, hark, how they chirp, how they  
 how they chirp, how they chirp, how they chirp, how they chirp,  
 chirp, how they chirp, hark, how they chirp, how they

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how they chirp, how they chirp, they chirp, come love, de - lay not, come love, de -  
 chirp, how they chirp, how they chirp, how they chirp, come love, de - lay not, come,  
 chirp, they chirp, come love,  
 how they chirp, how they chirp, how they chirp, how they chirp,  
 chirp, how they chirp, how they chirp, how they chirp,

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lay not, come love, de - lay not,

love, de-lay not, come love, de - lay not, de - lay not, de-lay not,

come love, come love, de - lay not, de-lay not,

come love, de-lay not, come love, de - lay not, de-lay not,

come love, de - lay not, de - lay not,

come love, de-lay not, de-lay not,

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come, come sweet love, come, come sweet love, come, come sweet love, sweet

come, come sweet love, come, come sweet love, come, come sweet love,

come, come sweet love, sweet love, come, come sweet love, come sweet love,

come, come sweet love, sweet love,

come, come sweet love, sweet love, come sweet love, come sweet love,

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love, O come and stay not, O come and stay, and stay\_\_\_  
 O come, O come and stay not, stay\_\_\_ not, O come and stay not,  
 O come and stay not, stay\_\_\_ not, come, and stay not O come and  
 come and stay\_\_\_ not, O come and  
 O come and stay not, stay not, O come and stay not, stay not, stay

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(no rit.)

not, O come and stay, O come and\_\_\_ stay not. X  
 O come and stay\_\_\_ not, O come and stay not.  
 stay not, O come, come and stay,\_\_\_ and\_\_\_ stay not.  
 stay not, O come and stay\_\_\_ not, come, O come and stay not, stay not.  
 not, O come and stay not, and stay not.  
 (no rit.)