Fare well my joy

Robert Cooper (d.1539/40)

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[bote, boot = help, remedy]
My heart is yours wherever I go;

For you do I mone,

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Editorial Conventions

Tudor nomenclature has been used for the voice parts, although the allocation of the top two to Countertenor and Tenor voices is arbitrary. Cooper’s song dating from a time when these two originally identical voices were only just beginning to diverge and acquire distinct compasses.

The original clef, staff signature, mensuration symbol and first note of each part are shown on the prefatory staves. Editorial accidentals are placed above the notes concerned.

Ligatures are denoted by the sign \[\text{┌────┐}\].

The spelling of the text is that of the source with abbreviations expanded and punctuation and capitalisation added.

Notes with fermatas have been regularized as longs. (They are mostly breves in the source.)

Source


f.66v (voices in cantus collateralis format) at end of B: D. Cooper. (= Doctor Cooper)

Notes on the Readings of the Source

The underlay in the edition is largely editorial. In the source a few syllables appear to be deliberately placed, but, on the whole, the scribe did not attempt to align the notes and syllables precisely, leaving this task to the singers (and to the modern editor). The readings of the source are not recorded in the notes below, but the original underlay can be assessed online via the digital images of the source on the British Library’s Digitised Manuscripts webpages: https://www.bl.uk/manuscripts/FullDisplay.aspx?ref=Add_MS_31922 and at www.diamm.ac.uk.

The notes below are in the order: 1) bar number; 2) voice(s); 3) reading of the source. Pitches are in capital letters, preceded by a number where necessary, e.g. 1G = first note G in the bar.

4 T new staff in source without staff signature begins with 1G
10 T new staff in source with staff signature  for B begins with B
14 Ct new staff in source without staff signature begins with 1B
15 Ct for B (cancelling  in 14) before C
19 Ct T mensuration symbol  above staff at start of bar
19 Ct new staff in source with staff signature  for B begins with rest