To Music

for

SATB Choir and Piano

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Texts

Robert Herrick
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This sets two poems of Robert Herrick, “To Music” and “To Music, to becalm his fever” (1st and 3rd verses)

To Music

Music, thou queen of heaven, care-charming spell,
That strik’st a stillness into hell;
Thou that tam’st tigers, and fierce storms, that rise,
With thy soul-melting lullabies;
Fall down, down, down, from those thy chiming spheres
To charm our souls, as thou enchant’st our ears.

To Music, to becalm his Fever

CHARM me asleep, and melt me so
With thy delicious numbers,
That, being ravish’d, hence I go
Away in easy slumbers.
Ease my sick head,
And make my bed,
Thou power that canst sever
From me this ill,
And quickly still,
Though thou not kill
My fever.
Fall on me like the silent dew,
Or like those maiden showers
Which, by the peep of day, do strew
A baptim o’er the flowers.
Melt, melt my pains
With thy soft strains;
That, having ease me given,
With full delight
I leave this light,
And take my flight
For Heaven.

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Robert Herrick (1581-1674)  

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sleep, and melt me so, melt me so
With thy de-li-

sleep, and melt me so
With thy de-li-

spell, still-ness in - to hell;

spell, That strik’st a still-ness in - to hell;

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Thou that ta-mest ti-gers, and fierce storms, that rise,

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vish'd, hence I go Away in easy slumbers.

With thy soul-melting lullabies;

Ease my sick head, And make my bed,

Fall down, down,

vish'd, hence I go Away in easy slumbers.

With thy soul-melting lullabies;

Ease my sick head, And make my bed,

Fall down, down,
Thou pow'r that canst sever
From down,
from those thy chiming spheres,
To charm our

me this ill, And quickly still, Though
me this ill, And quickly still, mp

chiming spheres

To charm our
Though thou not kill My fever.

souls, as thou enchan-test our ears.

souls, thou enchan'st our ears.

Music, Music, Music, Fall

Music, Music, Music, Fall

Music, Music, Music, Fall

Music, Music, Music, Fall
on me like the silent dew, Or like those maiden show'rs Which, 

on me like the silent dew, Or like those maiden show'rs Which, 

on me like the silent dew, Or like those maiden show'rs Which, 

by the peep of day, do strew A bap'tim o'er the flow'rs. 

by the peep of day, do strew bap'tim o'er the flow'rs. 

by the peep of day, do strew bap'tim o'er the flow'rs. 

by the peep of day, do strew bap'tim o'er the flow'rs.
Melt, melt my pains—

With thy soft strains;

Melt, melt my pains—

With thy soft strains;

Melt,
That, having ease. That having ease.

That, having ease. That having ease.

That, having ease. That having ease.

That, having ease. That having ease.

That, having ease. That having ease.

That, having ease. That having ease.

With a given. With a given.

With a given. With a given.

With a given. With a given.

With a given. With a given.
full delight
I leave this light, And take my flight
For
full delight
And take my flight
full delight, full delight I leave this light, I leave this light,

Heaven.
For Heaven.
flight For Heaven.
And take my flight For Heaven.

And take my flight For Heaven.

