My mind to me a kingdom is

Superius [Soprano]  
Medius [Alto]  
Contratenor [Alto]  
Tenor [Tenor]  
Bassus [Bass]

My mind to me a kingdom is, such perfect joy there in I
such perfect, such perfect joy there in I find, there in I__
is, such perfect joy there in I__
me a kingdom is, such perfect joy there in I find:
kingdom is, such perfect joy there in I

That it excels all other bliss,
find, there in I find: That it excels all other
find: That it excels all other bliss, all other
That it excels all other bliss, all other bliss, which God or
find: that it excels all other bliss, which

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which God or Nature hath assigned. Though much I
bliss, which God or Nature hath assigned: Though much I want, that most would
bliss, which God or Nature hath assigned, hath assigned: Though much I want, that
Nature hath assigned, hath assigned, hath assigned: Though much I want, God or Nature hath assigned: Though much I want,
want, that most would have, yet still my
have, would have, yet still my mind for-bids to crave,
most would have, would have, yet still my mind, yet still my mind,
though much I want that most would have, yet still my mind for-
that most would have, yet still my mind,

mind, for-bids to crave. Though much I
for-bids to crave, to crave. Though much I want, though much I want, that
for-bids to crave, for-bids to crave. Though much I want that most would
for-bids to crave, to crave. Though much I want, that most would have, that most would have,
for-bids to crave, to crave. Though much I want that most would have, that most would have,
III. 10.2: that

1. My minde to me a kingdome is,
   such perfect joy therin I find,
   That it excells all other blisse,
   which God or Nature hath assign’d.
   Though much I want, that most would have,
   yet still my mind forbids to crave.

2. No princely port nor welthie store,
   no force to winne a victorie,
   no worldly waves my minde can tosse,
   nor grudge not at anothers gaine:
   I laugh not at anothers losse,
   nor by desert to give offence.

3. I see that plentie surfeits oft,
   and hastie clymbers soonest fall:
   I see that such as are a loft,
   and hastie clymbers soonest fall:
   I laugh not at anothers losse,
   nor by desert to give offence.

4. I presse to beare no haughtie sway,
   I doe no more than well I may,
   look what I want my minde supplies,
   such cares my minde can never beare.
   I laugh not at anothers losse,
   nor by desert to give offence.

5. I wish no more then may suffice:
   I wish no more then may suffice:
   I wish no more then may suffice:
   I wish no more then may suffice:
   I laugh not at anothers losse,
   nor by desert to give offence.

6. My wealth is health and perfect ease,
   I loth not lyfe nor dread mine end.
   I brooke that is anothers bane:
   I fawe no fawne on friend,
   I fawe no fawne on friend,
   I fawe no fawne on friend.


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