

It was a time when silly Bees could speak

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Cantus
 It was a time when sil - ly Bees could
 Then thus I buzzed, when time no sap would
 My liege, Gods grant thy time may ne - ver

Altus
 It was a time, a time when sil - ly Bees could
 Then thus I buzzed, I buzzed, when time no sap would
 My liege, Gods grant, Gods grant thy time may ne - ver

Tenor
 It was a time, a time when sil - ly Bees could
 Then thus I buzzed, I buzzed, when time no sap would
 My liege, Gods grant, Gods grant thy time may ne - ver

Bassus
 It was a time, a time when sil - ly Bees could
 Then thus I buzzed, I buzzed, when time no sap would
 My liege, Gods grant, Gods grant thy time may ne - ver

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 speak, And in that time I was a sil - ly
 give, Why should this bles - sed time to me be
 end, And yet vouch - safe to hear my 'plaint of

speak, And in that time I was, I was a sil - ly
 give, Why should this bles - sed time, this time to me be
 end, And yet vouch - safe to hear, to hear my 'plaint of

speak, And in that time I was a sil - ly
 give, Why should this bles - sed time to me be
 end, And yet vouch - safe to hear my 'plaint of

speak, And in that time I was a sil - ly
 give, Why should this bles - sed time to me be
 end, And yet vouch - safe to hear my 'plaint of

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Bee, Who fed on time un - til my heart 'gan break,
dry, Sith by this Time the la - zy drone doth live,
Time, Which fruit - less Flies have found to have a friend,

Bee, Who fed on time un - til my heart, my heart 'gan break,
dry, Sith by this Time the la - zy drone, the drone doth live,
Time, Which fruit-less Flies have found to have, to have a friend,

Bee, Who fed on time un - til my heart 'gan break,
dry, Sith by this Time the la - zy drone doth live,
Time, Which fruit-less Flies have found to have a friend,

Bee, Who fed on time un - til my heart 'gan break,
dry, Sith by this Time the la - zy drone doth live,
Time, Which fruit-less Flies have found to have a friend,

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Yet ne - ver found the time would fa - vor me,
The wasp, the worm, the gnat, the but - ter - fly,
And I cast down when A - to - mies do climb.

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The wasp, the worm, the gnat, the but - ter - fly,
And I cast down when A - to - mies do climb.

Yet ne - ver found the time, the time would fa - vor me,
The wasp, the worm, the gnat, the gnat, the but - ter - fly,
And I cast down, cast down when A - to - mies do climb.

Yet ne - ver found the time would fa - vor me,
The wasp, the worm, the gnat, the but - ter - fly,
And I cast down when A - to - mies do climb.

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Of all the swarm I on - ly did not thrive,
 Mat - ted with grief, I kneel - ed on my knees,
 The king re - plied but thus, Peace peev - ish Bee,

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 Mat - ted with grief, I kneel - ed, I kneel - ed on my knees,
 The king re - plied but thus, Peace peev - ish, peev-ish Bee,

Of all the swarm, the swarm I on - ly, on - ly did not thrive,
 Mat - ted with grief, with grief, I kneel - ed, kneel - ed on my knees,
 The king re - plied, re - plied but thus, Peace peev-ish, peev-ish Bee,

Of all the swarm, the swarm I on - ly, I on - ly did not thrive,
 Mat - ted with grief, with grief, I kneel - ed, I kneel - ed on my knees,
 The king re - plied, re - plied but thus, Peace peev - ish, peev-ish Bee,

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Yet brought I wax and ho - ney to the hive.
 And thus com - plained un - to the king of Bees.
 Thou art bound to serve the time, the time not thee.

Yet brought I wax and ho - ney, ho - ney to the hive.
 And thus com - plained un - to the king, the king of Bees.
 Thou art bound to serve the time, the time, the time not thee.

Yet brought I wax and ho - ney to the hive.
 And thus com - plained un - to the king of Bees.
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