

# Praise blindness' eyes

#9 from The Second Book of Songs or Ayres

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Cantus

Altus

Tenor

Bassus

Praise blind - ness' eyes, for see - ing is de - ceit,  
And if thine ears, false Her - alds to thy heart,  
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Detailed description: This block contains the first system of a four-part vocal setting. It features four staves: Cantus (Soprano), Altus (Alto), Tenor, and Bassus (Bass). The music is in 3/2 time and G major. The lyrics are: 'Praise blindness' eyes, for seeing is deceit, / And if thine ears, false heralds to thy heart, / Now none is bald except they see his brains'. The Cantus and Tenor parts have a fermata on the final note, while the Altus and Bassus parts end with a sharp sign on the final note.

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Con - vey un - to thy head hopes to ob - tain,  
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Detailed description: This block contains the second system of the vocal setting, starting with a circled '5' indicating the fifth measure. It features four staves: Cantus, Altus, Tenor, and Bassus. The lyrics are: 'Be dumb vain tongue, words are but flat - t'ring winds, / Con - vey un - to thy head hopes to ob - tain, / Af - fec - tion is not known till one be dead'. The Cantus and Tenor parts have a fermata on the final note, while the Altus and Bassus parts end with a sharp sign on the final note.

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Break heart and bleed for there is no re - ceipt,  
 The tell thy hear - ing thou art deaf by art,  
 Re - ward for love are la - bors for his pains,

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 Re - ward for love are la - bors for his pains,

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To purge in - con - stan - cy from most men's minds.  
 Now love is art that want - ed to br plain,  
 Love's qui - ver made of gold, his shafts of lead.

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Lenvoy

And so I watched a - mazed and could not move,

Lenvoy

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Lenvoy

And so I watched a - mazed and could not move,

Lenvoy

And so I watched a - mazed and could not move,

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I know my dream was true, and yet I love.

I know my dream was true, and yet I love.

I know my dream, my dream was true, and yet I love.

I know my dream was true, and yet I love.