


White as lillies was her face

#15 from The Second Book of Songs or Ayres


John Dowland

Cantus




White as Lil - lies was her face, When she smi - led,
 When I swore my heart her own, she dis - dain - ed,
 Vows and oaths and faith as - sured, Con - stant e - ver,
 Oh that Love should have the art, By sur - mis - es,
 All in vain is La - dies' love, Quick - ly choos - ed,
 To thy - self the sweet - est fair, Thou hast wound - ed
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Altus




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 For my heart, though set at nought, Since you will it, Spoil

Bassus



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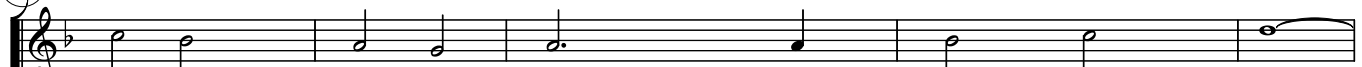
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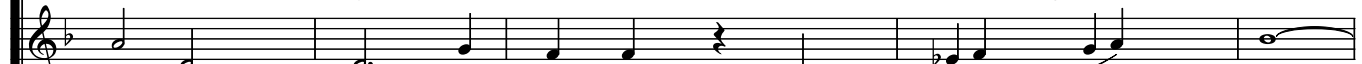
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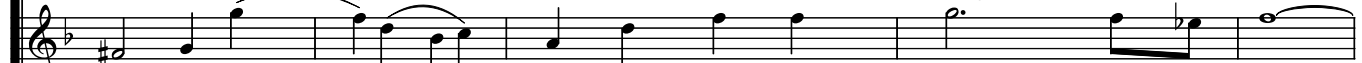
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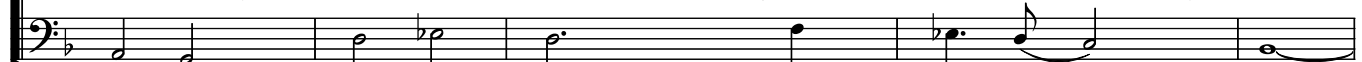
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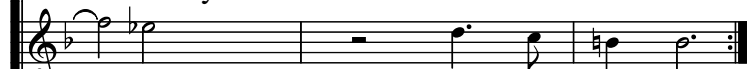
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