

Who looks may leap

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Cantus primus [Alto]
Cantus secundus [Alto]
Bassus [Tenor]

Who looks may leap and save his shins from knocks,
Who looks may leap and save his
Who looks may leap and save his shins from

who looks may leap and save his shins from knocks,
shins from knocks, and save his shins from knocks, from knocks, Who
knocks, and save his shins from knocks, from knocks, Who

Who tries may trust, else flatt-'ring friends shall find, else flatt-'ring friends-
tries may trust, else flatt-'ring friends shall find, else flatt-'ring friends shall
tries may trust, else flatt-'ring friends shall find, else flatt-'ring friends shall find,

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shall find: He saves the Steed, that keeps him un-der locks,
find: He saves the Steed, that keeps
shall find: He saves the Steed, that keeps him un-der locks, that

that keeps him un-der locks, un-der locks: Who speaks with
him un-der locks, that keeps him un-der locks: Who
keeps him un-der locks, that keeps him un-der locks: Who speaks with

heed may bold - ly speak his mind, speak his mind, who speaks with
 speaks with heed may bold - ly speak his mind, *may bold -*
 heed may bold - ly speak his mind, speak his mind, may bold - ly speak his mind, speak his mind, may bold - ly

heed may bold - ly speak his mind: But he whose tongue
 - ly speak his mind, may bold - ly speak his mind: But he whose tongue
 speak, may bold - ly speak his mind, speak his mind: But he whose tongue be -

be - fore his wit doth run, doth run, oft speaks too soon, and
 be - fore his wit doth run, oft speaks too soon,
 - fore his wit doth run, be - fore his wit doth run, oft speaks too soon, *oft speaks*

grieves when he hath done, *and grieves when he hath done,* and grieves when he
 and grieves when he hath done, *and grieves when he hath done,* and grieves when
 too soon, and grieves when he hath done, and

hath done. But he whose tongue
 he hath done. But he whose tongue, *but he whose tongue*
 grieves when he hath done. But he whose tongue be -

be - fore his wit doth run, be - fore his wit doth run, doth run, Oft
 -fore his wit doth run, be - fore his wit doth run. Oft

Oft speaks too soon, and grieves when he hath done, and
 speaks too soon, and grieves when he hath done, and grieves when he hath
 speaks too soon, oft speaks too soon, and grieves when he hath

grieves when he hath done, and grieves when he hath done.
 done, and grieves when he hath done.
 done, and grieves when he hath done.

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Text: Geoffrey Whitney (c.1548-c.1601): *Verbum emissum non est revocabile* from *A Choice of Emblemes* (1586)

III.30.1: repeat-mark; the remainder of the repeat not reprinted.

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