

O wretched man! Why lov'st thou earthly life?

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Soprano I
p O wretch -

Soprano II
p O wretch- ed man! O wretch- ed man!

Alto I
p O wretch-ed man!

Alto II
p O wretch - ed man! why lov'st

Tenor
8 *p* O wretch- ed man!

Bass
p O wretch - ed man! why lov'st thou

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S
ed man! *pp* O wretch- ed man!

A
pp O wretch - ed man! why

T
8 *pp* O wretch - ed man! why

B
earthly life? *pp* O wretch-ed man! why lov'st thou earth- ly

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S why lov'st thou earth - ly life? Which *cresc.*

lov'st thou earth-ly life? Which nought en - joys but cares and

A lov'st thou earth-ly life? Which nought en - joys but cares and end-___ less

life? Which nought en - joys but cares

T 8 lov'st thou earth-ly life? Which *cresc.*

B life? Which nought en - joys but cares and end-___ less

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S nought ___ en - joys but cares and end-less_ trou - ble;

end-less_ trou - ble; *mf* What plea - sure

A trou - ble; *mf* What plea-sure here, ___ but

and end-___ less trou-___ ble; *mf* What plea - sure

T 8 nought en - joys but end - less trou - ble;

B trou - ble; *mf* What plea-___ sure

S *mf* What plea - sure here, but
her, but breeds _____ a world of grief?

A breeds, but breeds a world _____ of _____ grief, what plea - sure here, but
here, but breeds a world of grief, what plea- _____ sure here, but breeds a

T *mf* What plea- _____ sure here, but

B here, but breeds _____ a world of grief?

S breeds a world of grief?

A breeds a world _____ of grief, what plea-sure here, but breeds a world,
world of _____ grief, what plea - sure here, but

T breeds a world of grief?

B what plea- _____ sure here, but

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S *p* What hour's _____ ease, that an
 breeds a world of grief?

A a world _____ of grief? *p* What hour's _____ ease, that an - guish
 breeds a world _____ of grief? *p* What hour's _____ ease, that an-guish

T *p* What hour's_ ease, that an - guish_

B breeds a world of grief?

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S guish_ doth not dou-ble?
p What hour's _____ ease, that an _____ guish_ doth not

A doth not dou - ble, what hour's _____ ease than an- _____ guish_ doth
 doth not dou- _____ ble, that an - guish doth not dou -

T doth not dou-ble?

B What hour's _____ ease, that_ an - guish

50 *cresc.* No earth-ly joys, but have their dis-con- tents, 55

S
dou - ble? but have their

A
not dou- ble? No earth-ly joys but have their dis - con - tents, but have their

T
ble? No earth - ly joys but have their dis - con - tents, but have their

B
8 *cresc.* but have their dis - con - tents, *cresc.* doth not dou- ble? but have their

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S
but havetheir discon- tents; *mf* Then loathe

A
dis - con-tents, but havetheir dis - con-tents; discon- tents, but havetheir dis - con - tents, but havetheir discon- tents; *mf* Then loathe

T
8 dis - con - tents, but havetheir dis - con-tents, but havetheir dis - con - tents;

B
8 but havetheir dis - con - tents; *mf* Then loathe dis - con - tents, but havetheir dis - con - tents;

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S that life, then loathe that

mf Then loathe that life,

A that life, then loathe than life, then

mf Then loathe that life, which caus-eth such la-

T 8 that life, which caus - eth such la - ments,

B *mf* Then loathe that life, which caus - eth such la-ments,

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S life, which caus-eth such la - ments.

dim.

A which caus - eth such la - ments.

dim.

loathe that life, which caus - eth such la - ments.

dim.

ments, then loathe that life, which caus-eth such la - ments.

T 8 which caus - eth such la - ments.

B *dim.*

then loathe that life, which caus - eth such la - ments.