



# Love me little

Leigh Wilson  
(1836-1870)

**Leigh Wilson** (1836-1870) was born William Edward Cockram in Bristol, England. He was the son of a music-seller and later took on the professional name Leigh Wilson, although many concert reviews identified him as W. E. Cockram. He was a tenor vocalist of great promise, appearing as soloist in many concerts during the 1860s. He died at age 34, reportedly from "brain-fever." His known compositional output is small; a few songs and part-songs.

"Love me little, love me long,"  
Is the burden of my song;

Love that is too hot and strong  
Burneth soon to waste;  
Still, I would not have thee cold,  
Not too backward, or too bold;  
Love that lastest till 'tis old,  
Fadeth not in haste.  
"Love me little, love me long,"  
Is the burden of my song;

Say thou lov'st me while thou live;  
I to thee my love will give,  
Never dreaming to deceive  
While that life endures:  
Nay, and after death, in sooth,  
I to thee will keep my truth,  
As now, when in my May of youth:  
This my love assures.  
"Love me little, love me long,"  
Is the burden of my song;

Anonymous 16th Century

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Allegro moderato ♩ = 132

S *f* "Love me lit - tle, love me long," Is the bur - den of my song; —

A *f* "Love me lit - tle, love me long," Is the bur - den of my song; —

T *f* "Love me lit - tle, love me long," Is the bur - den of my song; —

B *f* "Love me lit - tle, love me long," Is the bur - den of my song; —

5 S *cresc.* Love that is too hot and strong Burn - eth soon to waste, —

A *cresc.* Love that is too hot and strong Burn - eth soon to waste,

T *cresc.* Love that is too hot and strong Burn - eth soon to waste, —

B *cresc.* Love that is too hot and strong Burn - eth soon to waste, —



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S Love that is too hot and strong *rall.* Burn - eth soon to waste; *a tempo*

A Love that is too hot and strong *rall.* Burn - eth soon to waste; *a tempo*

T Love that is too hot and strong *rall.* Burn - eth soon to waste; *a tempo*

B Love that is too hot and strong *rall.* Burn - eth soon to waste; *a tempo*

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S *p* Still, I would not have thee cold, *cresc.* Not too back - ward, or too bold; \_\_\_

A *p* Still, I would not have thee cold, *cresc.* Not too back - ward, \_\_\_ or too bold; \_\_\_

T *p* Still, I would not have thee cold, *cresc.* Not too back - ward, \_\_\_ or too bold;

B *p* Still, I would not have thee cold, *cresc.* Not too back - ward, or too bold; \_\_\_

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S Love that last - est till 'tis old, *dim.* Fa - deth not in haste. \_\_\_

A Love that last - est till 'tis old, *dim.* Fa - deth not in haste. \_\_\_

T Love that last - est till 'tis old, *dim.* Fa - deth not in haste. \_\_\_

B Love that last - est till 'tis old, *dim.* Fa - deth not in haste. \_\_\_

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S *f* "love me long,"

A *f* "love me long," Is the

T *f* "love me long," Is the bur -

B *f* "Love me lit - tle, and long," Is the bur - - - den

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S *f* Is the bur - den of my song. Say thou lov'st me while thou live; —

A *f* bur - den of my song. Say thou lov'st me while thou live;

T *f* - - - den of my song. Say thou lov'st me while thou live;

B *f* of my song. Say thou lov'st me while thou live;

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S *p* I to thee my love will give, Nev - er dream - ing to de - ceive

A *p* I to thee my love will give, Nev - er dream - ing to de - ceive

T *p* I to thee my love will give, Nev - er dream - ing to de - ceive

B *p* I to thee my love will give, Nev - er dream - ing to de - ceive

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32 *cresc.* *f*

S While that life en - dures, \_\_\_\_\_ Nev - er dream - ing to de - ceive \_\_\_\_\_

A While that life en - dures, \_\_\_\_\_ Nev - er dream - ing to de - ceive \_\_\_\_\_

T While that life en - dures, \_\_\_\_\_ Nev - er dream - ing to de - ceive \_\_\_\_\_

B While that life en - dures, \_\_\_\_\_ Nev - er dream - ing to de - ceive \_\_\_\_\_

36 *p*

S While that life en - dures: \_\_\_\_\_ Nay, and af - ter \_\_\_\_\_ death, in sooth,

A While that life en - dures: \_\_\_\_\_ Nay, and af - ter death, in sooth,

T While that life en - dures: \_\_\_\_\_ Nay, and af - ter death, in sooth, \_\_\_\_\_

B While that life en - dures: \_\_\_\_\_ Nay, and af - ter death, in sooth,

40 *cresc.*

S I to thee will keep my truth, As now, when in my

A I to thee will \_\_\_\_\_ keep my truth, As now, when \_\_\_\_\_ in my

T I to thee will \_\_\_\_\_ keep my truth, As now, when in my

B I to thee will keep my truth, As now, when \_\_\_\_\_ in my

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S May of youth: This my love as - sures. *dim.* "love me long," *f*

A May of youth: This my love as - sures. *dim.* "love me long," *f*

T May of youth: This my love as - sures. *dim.* "love me long," *f*

B May of youth: This my love as - sures. *dim.* "Love me lit - tle, and long." *f* Is the *f*

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S Is the bur - den of my song. *f*

A Is the bur - - - den of my song. *f*

T Is the bur - - - den of my song. *f*

B bur - - - den of my song. *f*

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