

# Is Love a boy?

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Superius  
(Soprano)

Contratenor  
(Alto)

Tenor  
(Tenor)

Bassus  
(Bass)

Is love a boy? is love a boy, a boy?  
No one of these, no one of these, of these,

Is love a boy? is love a boy, a boy?  
No one of these, no one of these, of these,

Is love a boy?  
No one of these,

S.

A.

T.

B.

boy? what means he then to strike, what means he then to strike?  
these, but one com - pact of all, but one com - pact of all,\_\_\_\_

is love a boy? what means he then to strike, what means he then to strike? or  
no one of these, but one com - pact of all, but one com - pact of all, a

is love a boy? what means he then to strike, what means he then to strike?  
no one of these, but one com - pact of all, but one com - pact of all,

is love a boy? what means he then to strike, to strike?  
no one of these, but one com - pact of all, of all,

\* Rhythmic variation in the second verse as in the printed source.

S.

A.

T.

B.

or is he blind? why will he be a guide? is he a  
a wil-ful boy, a man still deal-ing blows, of pur - pose

is he blind? or is he blind? why will he be a guide?  
wil-ful boy, a wil-ful boy, a man still deal - ing blows,

or is he blind? or is he blind? why will he be a guide?  
a wil-ful boy, a wil-ful boy, a man still deal-ing blows,

or is he blind? why will he be a guide? is he a  
a wil-ful boy, a man still deal-ing blows, of pur - pose

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S. man? is he a man? why doth he hurt his like? why  
blind, of pur- pose blind, to lead men to their thrall, to

A. is he a man? why doth he hurt his like? why doth he hurt his like?  
of pur- pose blind, to lead men to their thrall, to lead men to their thrall,

T. is he a man? why doth he hurt his like? why doth he  
of pur- pose blind, to lead men to their thrall, to lead men

B. man? is he a man? why doth he hurt his  
blind, of pur- pose blind to lead men to their

S. doth he hurt his like? is he a God? is he a God?  
lead men to their thrall, a God that rules, a God that rules

A. is he a God? is he a God? is he a God? why  
a God that rules, a God that rules, a God that rules un-

T. hurt his like? is he a God? is he a God, a God?  
to their thrall, a God that rules, a God that rules, that rules

B. like? is he a God? is he a God?  
thrall, a God that rules, a God that rules

S. why doth he men de - ride? why  
un - ru - ly, God he knows, un-

A. doth he men de - ride? why doth he men de - ride? why doth he men de  
- ru - ly, God he knows, un - ru - ly, God he knows, un - ru - ly, God he

T. why doth he men de - ride? why doth he men de  
un - ru - ly, God he knows, un - ru - ly, God he

B. why doth he men de - ride, de ride?  
un - ru - ly, God he knows, he knows,

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S. doth me men de - ride? why doth he men de - ride? de-  
- ru - ly, God he knows, un - ru - ly, God he knows, God

A. - ride? de - ride? why doth he men de - ride? why doth he men de - ride, de-  
knows, he knows, un - ru - ly, God he knows, un - ru - ly, God he knows, he

T. - ride, de - ride? why doth he men de - ride?  
knows, God he knows, un - ru - ly, God he knows,

B. why doth he men de - ride? why doth he men de -  
un - ru - ly, God he knows, un - ru - ly, God he knows,

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S. - ride, de - ride?  
he knows, God he knows.

A. - ride? de - ride? No one of he knows.  
knows, God

T. de - ride, de - ride? No  
God he knows, God he knows.

B. - ride? why doth he men de - ride?  
knows, un - ru - ly, God he knows.

### The second part

S. Boy pi - ty me that am a child a - gain, boy pi - ty me that am a

A. Boy pi - ty me that am a child a - gain,

T. Boy pi - ty me that am a child a - gain, that am a child a - gain, blind

B. Boy pi - ty me that am a child a - gain, that am a child a - gain,

S. child a - gain, blind be no more, blind

A. blind be no more my guide to make\_\_\_\_\_ me stray, my guide\_

T. be no more my guide\_ to make me stray, to make\_\_\_\_\_ me stray, blind

B. blind be no more my guide\_ to make\_\_\_\_\_ me stray,

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S. be no more my guide\_ to make\_\_\_\_\_ me stray, to make me\_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_ to make\_\_\_\_\_ me\_\_\_\_\_ stray, to make me stray, to make me\_\_\_\_\_

T. be no more to make me\_ stray, my guide to make\_\_\_\_\_ me stray, to make me

B. blind be no more my guide to make\_\_\_\_\_ me

S. stray, man use thy might to force a - way my

A. stray, man use thy might, man use thy might to force a - way, to

T. stray, man use thy might, man use thy might to force a - way

B. stray, man use thy might, to force a - way my pain,

S. pain, to force a - way my pain, to force a - way my pain,

A. force a - way my pain, to force a - way my pain, my pain,

T. my pain, to force a - way my pain, God

B. to force a - way my pain, to force a - way my pain,

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S. God do me good, God do me good, and lead me to my way,

A. God do me good, God do me good, do me good, and lead me to my way, and lead

T. do me good, God do me good, God do me good, and lead me to my way, and lead

B. God do me good, God do me good, God do me good, and lead me

S. and lead me to my way, and lead me to my way:

A. me to my way, to my way, and lead me to my way: And

T. me to my way, and lead me to my way, to my way: And if

B. to my way, to my way, and lead me to my way, to my way: And if

S. And if thou be'st—

A. if thou be'st a power to me un - known, and if—

T. — thou be'st a power— to me un - known, and

B. — thou be'st a power— to me un - known, to me un -

S. 50 — a power to me— un - known, power of my life,

A. — thou be'st a power to me un - known, un - known, power of my

T. if thou be'st a power to me— un-known, a power to me un -

B. -known, power of my life, of my life,

S. let here thy grace be— shown,

A. life, let here thy grace be shown, be shown,

T. - known, power of my life, let here thy grace be—

B. power of my life, let here thy grace be— shown, let

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S. let here thy grace be shown, let here

A. let here thy grace be shown, thy grace be shown,

T. shown, let here thy grace be shown, let here thy

B. here thy grace be shown, let here thy grace be

S. thy grace be shown. 1. shown. 2. shown.

A. let here thy grace be shown. And shown.

T. grace be shown. And if shown.

B. shown, let here thy grace be shown. And if shown.