

# Retire my soul

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Cantus Primus (Soprano)  
 Cantus Secundus (Soprano)  
 Contratenor (Alto)  
 Tenor (Tenor)  
 Bassus (Bass)

Re - tire my  
 Re - tire my soul, my soul,  
 Re - tire my soul, re - tire my soul,  
 Re - tire my soul, con - si - der thine e -  
 Re - tire my

S.  
 S.  
 A.  
 T.  
 B.

soul, con - si - der thine e - state, And just - ly sum  
 con - si - der thine e - state, And just - ly sum, and  
 con - si - der thine e - state, And just - ly sum  
 - state, con - si - der thine e - state, And just - ly sum thy lav -  
 soul, con - si - der thine e - state, And just - ly

S.  
 S.  
 A.  
 T.  
 B.

thy lav - ish sin's ac - count, ac - count.  
 just - ly sum thy lav - ish sin's ac - count, Time's  
 thy lav - ish sin's ac - count. Time's dear ex -  
 - ish sin's ac - count, ac - count. Time's dear ex - pense,  
 sum thy lav - ish sin's ac - count, ac - count. Time's dear

S. Time's dear ex - pense and cost - ly plea - sures rate, How

S. dear ex - pense and cost - ly plea - sures rate, How fol - lies

A. -pense, Time's dear ex - pense and cost - ly plea - sures rate,

T. Time's dear ex - pense and cost - ly plea - sures

B. ex - pense and cost - ly plea - sures rate,

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S. fol - lies grow, how va - ni - ties a - mount, how va -

S. grow, how va - ni - ties a - mount, how va - ni -

A. How fol - lies grow, how va - ni - ties a - mount, how

T. rate, How fol - lies grow, how va - ni - ties a - mount,

B. How fol - lies grow, how va - ni - ties a - mount, how

S. - ni - ties a - mount, a - mount.

S. -ties, how va - ni - ties a - mount. Write

A. va - ni - ties a - mount, a - mount, a - mount. Write

T. how va - ni - ties a - mount. Write

B. va - ni - ties a - - - - - mount.

S. Write all these down, write all these down in pale Death's

S. all these down, write all these down in pale Death's

A. all these down, write all these down in pale Death's reck - oning

T. all these down, write all these down in

B. Write all these down in pale Death's

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S. — reck - oning ta - bles, Thy days will seem

S. reck - oning ta - bles, Thy days will seem but dreams, thy days will

A. ta - bles, ta - bles, Thy days will seem, thy

T. pale Death's reck - oning ta - bles, ta - bles, Thy days will

B. reck - oning ta - bles, Thy days will seem

S. but dreams, thy hopes but fa - bles,

S. seem but dreams, but dreams,

A. days will seem but dreams, but dreams, thy days will seem but

T. seem but dreams, thy

B. but dreams, thy days will seem but

S. but fa - - bles, thy hopes but fa - bles, but fa -

S. thy hopes but fa - bles, thy hopes but fa - bles, thy hopes -

A. dreams, thy hopes but fa - bles, thy hopes but fa -

T. hopes but fa - bles, thy hopes, thy

B. dreams, thy hopes but fa - bles, thy hopes but

S. - - - - bles. - bles.

S. but fa - - bles. Write - bles

A. - - - - bles. Write - bles.

T. hopes but fa - - bles. Write - bles.

B. fa - - - - bles. - bles.