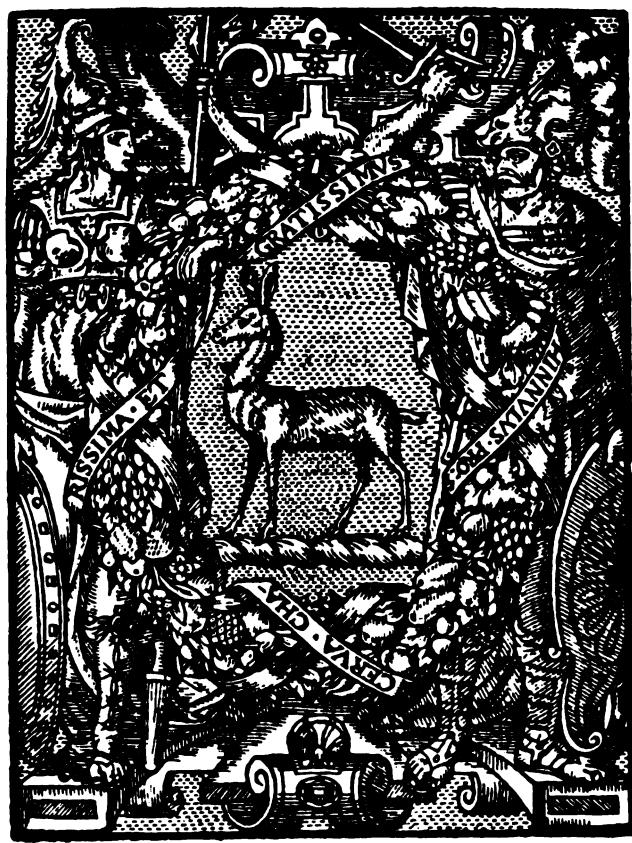


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TO THE RIGHT VVOR-  
thy, my much Honour'd friend,  
Syr Christopher Hatton, Knight of the Ho-  
nourable Order of the Bath.

SYR:

 *T*is proportion that beautifies every thing, this whole Vniuerse consists of it, and Musick is measured by it, which I haue endeauoured to obserue in the composition of these few Ayres, but cannot in their Dedication: for when I compare your many faours with my demerits, your curious Eare with these harsh Notes, there appears so plaine a disproportion betweene them, that I am afraid, least in offering so your Patronage Songs in some tune, my action heerein shoud be ouer all tune; yet haue I made bould to honour them with your Name, that the world may take notice, rather of my want of abilitie, then good-will to be grarfull. By which little outward demonstration, you may easily guesse at the greatnessse of my inward affection, as skilfull Geometricians doe obserue the true stature of the whole body by sight of the foote onely. Experience tells us that Songs of this NATURE are usually esteemed as they are well or ill performed, which excellent grace I am sure your unequalled loue unto Musick will not suffer them to want, that the Author (whom you no lesse loue) may be free from disgrace. They were most of them composed in your owne house, and doe therefore properly belong unto you, as Lord of the Soile; the language they speake you prouided them, I onely furnished them with Tongues to utter the same: they are like young Schollars newly entred, that at first sing very fearefully, it requires your Patience therefore to beare with their imperfections: they were taught to sing onely to delight you, and if you shall take any pleasure in them, they haue their end, and I my wish, a full recompence for my passed labours, and a greater encourageme[n]t to present you with some future things more worthy your Patronage: till which opportunity, I rest

Yours euer to command

Orlando Gibbons.

## THE TABLE.

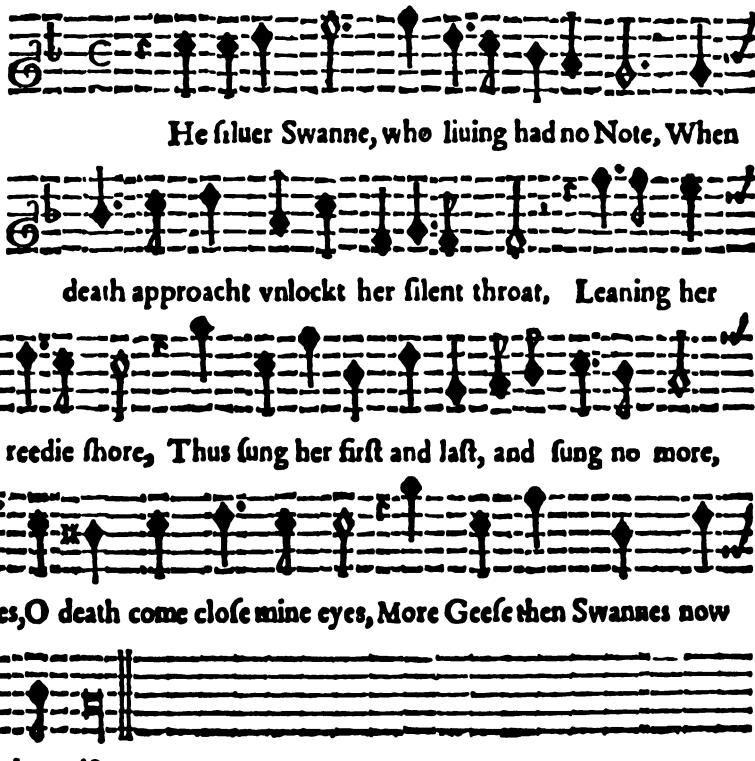
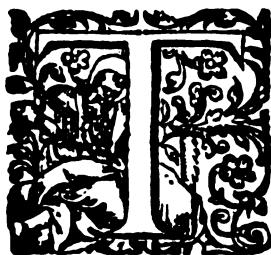
<b>T</b> 'He siluer Swanne, who liuing had no note.		I
O that the learned Poets of our time.		II
I waigh not Fortunes frownes nor smile.	1 Part.	III
I tremble not at noyse of warre.	2 Part.	III
I see Ambition neuer please.	3 Part.	V
I faine not friendship where I hate.	4 Part.	VI
How art thou thrald, O poore despised creature?	1 Part.	VII
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Mongst thousands good.	2 Part.	XI
Now each flowry bancke of May.		XII
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Faire is the Rose, yet fades with heate or colde.		XIII
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Nere let the Sunne with his deceiuing light.	2 Part.	XVIII
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Trust not too much faire youth vnto thy feature.		XX

*FINIS.*

Of s. Voc.

I. C A N T V S.

Orlando Gibbons.



A musical score for Orlando Gibbons' Cantus, featuring five staves of music in common time. The notation uses black note heads and vertical stems. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the staves. The lyrics are:

He siluer Swanne, who living had no Note, When  
death approacht vnlockt her silent throat, Leaning her  
breast against the reddie shore, Thus sung her first and last, and sung no more,  
Farewell all ioyes, O death come close mine eyes, More Geese then Swannes now  
live, more fooles then wise.

Of s. Voc.

II.

TENOR.

Orlando Gibbons.



That the learned Poets of this time, the, &c.



the learned Poets of this time, O, &c,



Who in a Love-sicks line so well can speake Who



&c. Would not confaine good Wit in hatfull



time, World, &c. good, &c. good wit in hatfull time, in hatfull



time, But with deepe care soune better subiect finde, but, &c. For



if their Musick please in earthly things, in earthly things, in, &c.



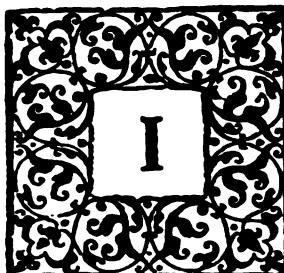
For, &c. in earthly things, How would it sound if



Strong with heavenly strings? if, &c.

if strong with heavenly strings?

Of f. Voc. 1 Part. III. TENOR. Orlando Gibbons.



Waigh not Fortunes browne nor smilc, not



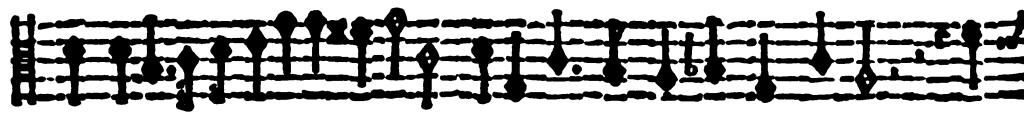
Fortunes browne nor smilc, I,&c. not Fortunes



browne nor smilc, I ioy not much in earthly ioyes, earthly ioyes, I ioy not much, not



much in earthly ioyes, I,&c. I seeke not stile, I reake not



stile, I,&c. not stile, I seeke not state, I reake not stile, I



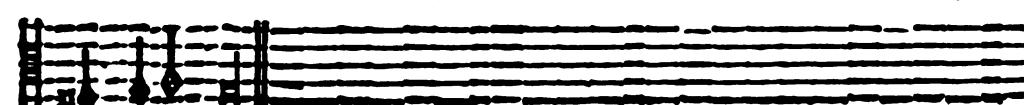
am not fond of Fancies toyes, of fancies toyes, I,&c. fancies



toyes, I rest so pleas'd with what I haue, I wish no more, no more I crave, I



wish no more, no more I crave, I,&c. I wish no more, no



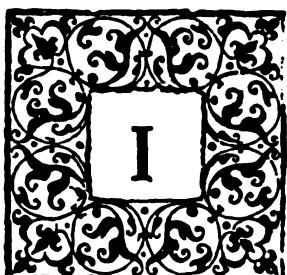
more I crave.

Of 5. Voo.

2 Part.

III.I. TENOR.

Orlando Gibbons.



Tremble not at noyse of warre, at noise of

warre, at noyse of warre, I, &c. of

warre, I quake not at the Thunders cracke, not, &c.

I shrinke not

at a blazing, blazing starre, not, &c.

I shrinke not at a blazing

starre, I quake not at the Thunders, Thunders cracke, I feare no losse, I hope no

gaine, I feare no

losse, I hope no gaine, I, &c.

I enuy none, I none disdaine, I enuie none, I none disdaine, I enuy

none, I none disdaine,

Of s. Voc. 3 Part.

V. TENOR.

Orlando Gibbons.



See Ambition never, never please, I see Am-



bition never please, never please, I, &c. Am-



bition never please, I see lame Tantals starne in store. I, &c. some



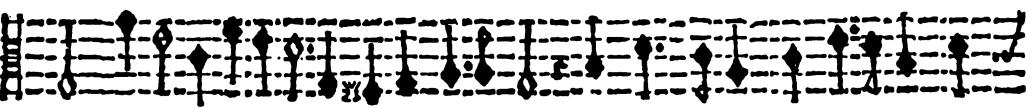
Tantals starne in store, I see Golds-dropsie seldom easd, I, &c. I, &c.



seldom easd, I see each Midas gape for more, I, &c. I, &c.



I, &c. each Midas gape for more, I neither want, nor yet a-



bound, I, &c. nor yet abound, Inough's a feast, content is crownd,



Inough's a feast, content is crownd, content is crownd. inough's, &c.



inough's, &c. content is crownd. is crownd.

Of 5. Voc.

4 Part.

VI. TENOR.

Orlando Gibbons.

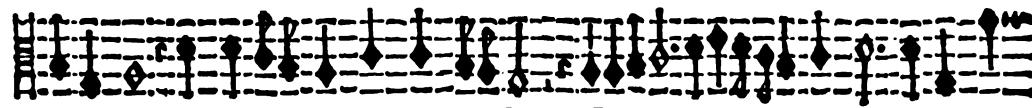


Faine not friendship where I hate, I,&c.

I



&c. not friendship where I hate, I fawne not on the great, not on the great



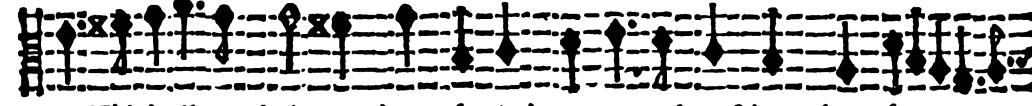
for grace, I prise, I praise a meane e- state, I,&c. a meane estate, Ne



yet too loftie, nor too base, too base, Neyet too loftie, nor too base, nor too base, Ne, &c.



too base, This, this is all my choice, my cheere, my cheere, This, &c.



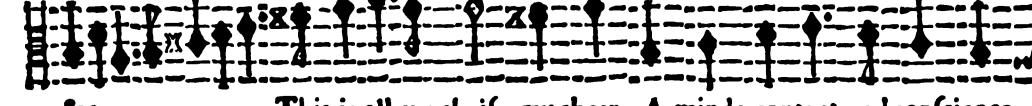
This is all my choice, my cheere, A minde content and conscience cleere, A, &c.



A,&c. A,&c. and conscience cleere, This,



this is all my choise, my cheere, is, &c. This, &c. my cheere, This



&c. This is all my choise, my cheere, A minde content and conscience



cleere, A,&c, A,&c, A,&c. and, &c.

Of s. Voc. 2 Part.

VII. TENOR.

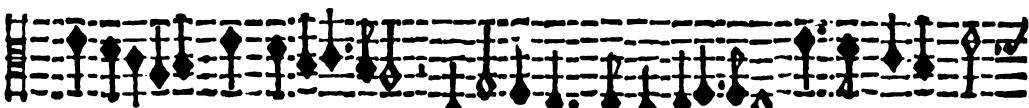
Orlando Gibbons.



Ow art thou thral'd O poore dispised creature?

How,&c.

Sith by creati-



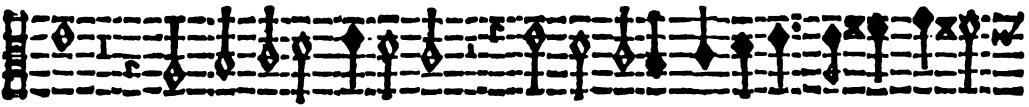
on, creation, Sith by crea-tion, Sith,&c.

cre-ation, Nature made thee

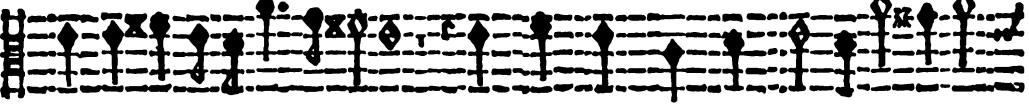


free, ij.

Nature made thee free, thee free, O traitorous eyes. O &c.

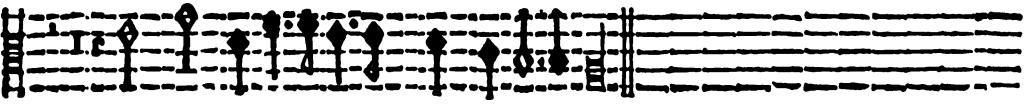


to gaze so on her feature, to gaze, to gaze so on, so on her fea-



ture, to,&c.

That quits with scorne thy deere lost li-bertie.



thy deere lost libertie. thy deere lost libertie.

Of 5. Voc.      2 Part.      VIII. TENOR.      Orlando Gibbons.

Arewell all ioyes, Farewell all ioyes, Farewell all  
ioyes, all ioyes, O Hell, O Hell, O Hell, Now rest-lesse  
cares my pillow, now, &c.      Sweet Mirtle shades, ij.      farewell, farewell,  
Now come sad Cipresse, sad Cipresse, And forlorne, And forlorne, forlorne loues wil-  
low, She smiles, she laughs, she ioyes at my tormenting, at, &c.      Break  
then poore hart, breake then poore hart, poorehart, breake then poore hart, breake  
then poore hart, breake, &c.      Despaires blacke billow, Tost  
on Despaires blacke billow, O let me dye lamenting, O let me dye lamenting, la-  
menting, ij.

Of s. Voc.

IX.

TENOR.

Orlando Gibbons.

Aintie fine Bird, that art incaged there, Alasse, a-  
lasse, how like thine and my fortunes are? Alasse, how like  
thine and my fortunes are? Both prisoners be, Both, &c. And both singing  
thus, and, &c. Strive to please her that hath imprisoned vs, Onely thus we differ,  
Onely thus we differ thou and I, Thou liu'st singing, but I sing and dye.  
I sing and dye. Thou, &c.

Of 5. Voc.

1 Part.

X. TENOR.

Orlando Gibbons.



Aire Ladies that to Loue captiued are, captiued

arc. Faire Ladies that to Loue captiued are, And

chast desires doe nourish, And chast desires doe nourish in your minde, Let not her

faul your sweet affections marr, Let not her fauk, Let, &c. your sweet af-sections

m arr, Let, &c. your sweet affections marr, Ne blot the

bountie of all Woman-kinde, of all Woman-kinde. Ne blot the bountie of all

Wo- man-kinde. the bounty of all Woman-kinde.

Of s. Voc.

2 Part.

XI. TENOR.

Orlando Gibbons.

The page features a large, ornate initial 'M' on the left side. The musical notation consists of five-line staves, each with a different clef (C, F, C, C, C) and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are written below the staves, corresponding to the musical phrases. The text is as follows:

Ongst thousands good, Mongst thousands, thousands  
good one wanton, wanton Dame to finde, Mongst thousands  
good, one wanton Dame to finde, Amongst the Roses grow some wicked weedes, A-  
mongst,&c. some wicked weedes, Amongst,&c. Amongst,&c. some wicked  
weedes, A,&c. some,&c. For this was not to loue but lust in- clinde,  
For loue doth alwayes bring, doth alwayes bring forth bounteous deedes, For,&c.  
bring forth bounteous deedes, doth,&c. And in each gentle  
hart desire of Honour breedes, And,&c. And,&c.  
Each gentle heart desire of Honour breeds.

Of 5. Voc.

XII.

TENOR.

Orlando Gibbons.

Ow each flowry bancke of May, Now, &c.      Wooes the

streames that glides away, woos, &c.      Wooes the streames that glides a- way,

Wooes, &c.      Mountaines fan'd by a sweet gale, sweet gale, Loues the humble looking

Dale, Loues, &c.      the humble looking dale, Windes the loued leaues doe kisse,

Windes the loued leaues doe      kisse, doe kisse, Windes, &c.      Each thing tasteth

of loues blisse, of loues blisse, One- ly I thought blest I be, to be lou'd by destiny, by

destinie, Loue confest by her sweet breath, Whose loue is life, whose hate is death. ij.

Whose, &c.      is death, whose, &c.      Whose loue is life, is life, whose

hate is death. whole, &c.      Whole loue is life, whose hate is death.

Of s. Voc.

XIII.

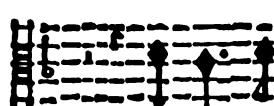
TENOR.

Orlando Gibbons.



A musical score page featuring a decorative initial 'I' enclosed in a floral border at the top left. The main musical staff uses a soprano C-clef and common time. The lyrics are written below the notes:

is now old, that erst attempting lasse, that  
erst at- tempung lasse, that, &c.



The musical score continues with a new section. A decorative initial 'T' is at the top left of the staff. The lyrics are:

To Goddesse Venus consecrates her Glasse, For shee her selfe hath now no



The musical score continues with a new section. A decorative initial 'v' is at the top left of the staff. The lyrics are:

vse of one, hath now no vse of one, hath, &c. No dimpled cheeke hath



The musical score continues with a new section. A decorative initial 's' is at the top left of the staff. The lyrics are:

she to gaze vp- on, to gaze vp- on, no, &c.



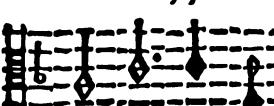
The musical score continues with a new section. A decorative initial 'S' is at the top left of the staff. The lyrics are:

She cannot see her spring-time damaske grace, She, &c. She



The musical score continues with a new section. A decorative initial 'c' is at the top left of the staff. The lyrics are:

cannot see, ij. her spring-time damaske grace, she, &c.



The musical score continues with a new section. A decorative initial 'N' is at the top left of the staff. The lyrics are:

Nor dare she looke vpon her Winter face. Nor, &c. Nor dare she looke vp-



The musical score continues with a new section. A decorative initial 'o' is at the top left of the staff. The lyrics are:

on her Winter face. Nor, &c. Nor, &c.

Of 5. Voc.

XIIIL TENOR.

Orlando Gibbons.

What is our life? a play of passion, a play of passion, What,  
&c. What, &c. Our mirth the  
musickes of division, Our, &c. Our mo- thers woe, our &c.  
the tiring houses be, Where we are dreit for this short Comedy, short Come-  
dy. Spectator is that sits and markes, That sits and markes still who doth act a-  
misse, still who doth act amisse, that, &c. Our graves that bide  
vs from the searching Sunne, from the searching Sunne, the searching Sunne, Are like  
drawne cartaynes, drawne cartaynes when the play is done, the play is  
done, Are like drawne cartaynes when the play is done, Thus march we

of s. Van

## **XV. TENOR.**

## Orlando Gibbons.



H deere hart, why doe you rise? deare hart, why doe you

rise? your rise? The light that shines comes from your eyes,

*your eyes, The, &c.*      *your eyes,*      *The day breakes not it is my hart, To*

**your eyes, The day breaks not it is my hart, To**

thinkē that you and I must part, that &c. O stay, or else my joyes will dye, And

O stay, or else my ioyes will dye, And

perish in their infancie. O stay, or else my joyes will dye, And perish in their infan- cie.

A horizontal strip of a musical score, likely from a manuscript. It features a single staff with five horizontal lines. The music consists of various note heads and rests, some with stems and some without, indicating different pitch levels and rhythmic values. The first measure begins with a large, ornate note head on the top line, followed by several smaller notes and rests.

playing. Thus much we playing. Thus, &c.

This march we

playing to our best rest, then, &c.

*ibid., &c.*

A horizontal strip of musical notation on a five-line staff. The notes are represented by black shapes with stems: some are solid black, others have white centers or are outlined in white. There are also several diamond-shaped note heads. The stems extend either upwards or downwards from the note heads.

three & six

Only we dye, we dye in earnest, that's no jest.

Of 5. Voc.

XVI. TENOR.

Orlando Gibbons.



Aire is the Rose, yet fades with heate or colde, Sweet are the

Violets, Sweet are the Violets, yet soone grow old, Sweet, &c.

The Lillie's white, yet in one day tis done, the Lillie's

white, yet in one day tis done, the, &c. tis done, yet, &c.

So white, so sweet was my faire Mistris face, yet alred quire in

one short hours space, in one short hours space. So short liu'd beautie a vaine

glosse doth borrow, a, &c. Breathing delight, delight to

day, breathing, &c. but none to morrow, breathing, &c.

but none to morrow, breathing, &c. but none to morrow.

Of s. Voc. s. Part. XVII. TENOR. Orlando Gibbons.

A musical score for the Tenor part, featuring five staves of music with black note heads and vertical stems. The first staff is decorated with a floral border on the left side. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The lyrics are:

Ay let me weepe, though others teares be spent, though  
&c. weepe, though others teares be spent, Though  
all eyes dried, dried be, though, &c. let mine be wet, Vnto thy graue ile  
pay this yeerly rent, vnto &c. this yeerly rent, vnto, &c.  
Thy liuelesse Coarse demands of me this debt, demands of mee  
this debt, I owe more teares then ever Coarse did craue, more, &c.  
Ile pay more teares then ere was payd to graue. Ile, &c.  
Ile pay more teares, then ere was payd to graue. Ile, &c.  
Ile pay more teares then ere was payd to graue.

Of 5. Voc. 2. Part.

XVIII. TENOR.

Orlando Gibbons.



Ere let the Sunne with his deceiving light, Nere, &c.

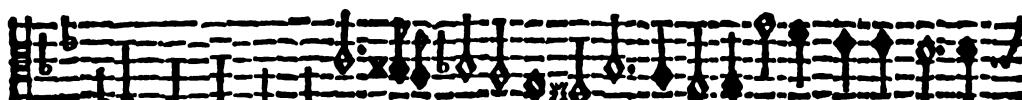
Seeke to make glad



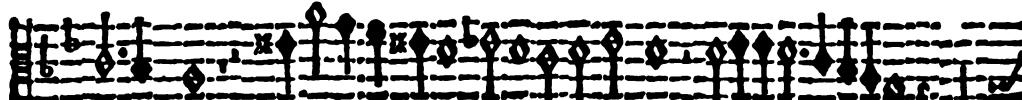
these watry eyes of mine, of mine, My sorrow sutes with melancholy night, My sorrow



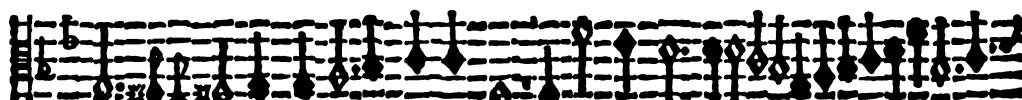
sutes, my, &c. with melancholy night, I joy in dole, in dole, in lan-



guishment, I pine, in languish- ment I pine, I pine, I joy in dole in languish-



ment I pine, I, &c. I pine, in, &c. My



dearest friend is set, he was my Sun, he was my Sun, My, &c. My,



&c. my Sun, he, &c. With whom my mirth, my joy, and all is done.



my mirth, my joy, & all is done, with, &c. my joy, and all is done.

Of s. Voc. 3. Part XIX TENOR. Orlando Gibbons.

A decorative initial 'X' is positioned at the top left of the page, featuring intricate floral and foliate patterns. To its right is a musical score for tenor voice, consisting of six staves of music in common time. The music is written in a traditional tablature system using dots and dashes on a five-line staff. The lyrics are integrated directly into the music, with some words placed above the staff and others below, corresponding to the rhythm of the notes.

Et if that age had frosted ore his head, had, &c.  
yet, &c. his face had furrowed

beene, Or if his face had furrow'd ben with yeeres, his face had furrow'd ben with  
yeeres, not so bemone, I would not so bemone that he is dead, I, &c.

I, &c. is dead, I might haue beeene more niggard of my  
teares, of my teares, I, &c. more niggard of my teares, But O the

Sunne new rose is gone to bed, is gone to bed, And Lillies in their springtyme, in  
their spring-time hang their head, hang their head, But, &c. the, &c.

And Lillies in their springtyme, hang their head, hang their head. ij.

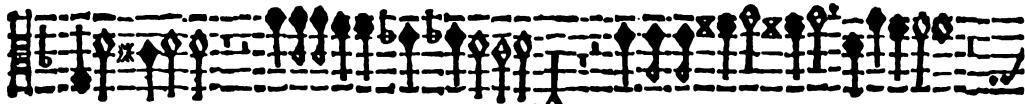
Of s. Voc.

XX. TENOR.

Orlando Gibbons.



Rust not too much faire youth vnto thy fea- ture, Trust,&c.



Trust,&c.

Trust,&c.



Be not enamored, be &c. of thy blushing hew, enamored of thy



blushing hew, Be gamesome whilist thou art a goodly creature, be,&c.



be,&c.

be,&c.

Thou art a goodly crea-



ture, Be gamesome whilist thou art a goodly creature, in thy garden grew, Sweet



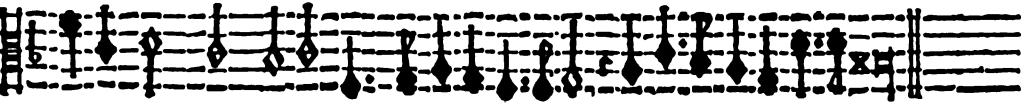
Vi-olets are gathered in their spring, are,&c.

sweet,&c.



White Primit fals withouten pittyng, White,&c.

White



Primit fals, White Primit fals withouten pittyng, withouten pittie pittyng.

F I N I S.