

# Is Love a boy?

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Soprano  
Alto  
Tenor  
Bass

Is Love a boy?  
No one of these

Is Love a boy, is Love a boy, a boy, is Love a  
these no one of these, of these, no one of

8 Is Love a boy, is Love a boy, a boy, is Love a  
one of these, no one of these, of these, no one of

Is Love a boy,  
No one of these,

S  
A  
T  
B

What means he then to strike, what means he then  
but one com - pact of all, but one com - pact

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

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

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

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S  
A  
T  
B

to strike? Or is he blind? Why will he be a guide?  
of all. A wil-ful boy, a man still deal-ing blows,

strike? Or is he blind, or is he blind? Why will he  
all. A wil-ful boy, a wil-ful boy, a man still

8 to strike? Or is he blind, or is he blind? Why will he  
of all. A wil-ful boy, a wil-ful boy, a man still

to strike? Or is he blind? Why will he be a  
of all. A wil-ful boy, a man still deal-ing

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S  
Is he a man, is he a man? Why doth he  
Of pur-pose blind, of pur-pose blind, to lead men

A  
be a guide? Is he a man? Why doth he hurt his  
deal - ing blows, Of pur-pose blind, to lead men to their

T  
8 be a guide? Is he a man? Why doth he hurt his  
deal-ing blows, Of pur-pose blind, to lead men to their

B  
guide? Is he a man, is he a man? Why  
blows, Of pur-pose blind, of pur-pose blind, to

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S  
hurt his like, why doth he hurt his like? Is  
to their thrall, to lead men to their thrall, A

A  
like, why doth he hurt his like? Is he a god, is he a  
thrall, to lead men to their thrall, A god that rules, a god that

T  
8 like, why doth he hurt his like? Is he a god?  
thrall, to lead men to their thrall, A god that rules,

B  
doth he hurt his like? Is he a  
lead men to their thrall, A god that

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S  
he a god, is he a god? Why doth he men de-  
god that rules, a god that rules un - ru - ly, god he

A  
god, is he a god? Why doth he men de- ride, why  
rules, a god that rules un - ru - ly, god he knows, un -

T  
8 is he a god, a god?  
a god that rules, that rules,

B  
god, is he a god?  
rules, a god that rules

