

Retire my soul

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Cantus Primus [Soprano] Re - tire my

Cantus Secundus [Soprano] Re - tire my soul, my soul,

Contratenor [Alto] Re - tire my soul, re - tire my soul,

Tenor [Tenor] Re - - tire my soul, con - si - der thine e -

Bassus [Bass] Re - tire my

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

10 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

Time's dear ex - pense, and cost - ly plea - sures rate, How
 dear ex - pense, and cost - ly plea - sures rate, How fol - lies
 - pense, *Time's dear* ex - pense, and cost - ly plea - sures rate,
 Time's dear ex - pense and cost - ly plea - sures
 ex - pense and cost - ly plea - sures rate,

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

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

Write all these down, *write all these down* in pale Death's
 all these down, *write all these down* in pale Death's
 all these down, *write all these down* in pale Death's reck - oning
 all these down, *write all these down* in
 Write all these down in pale Death's

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 - reck - oning ta - bles, Thy days will seem
 reck - oning ta - bles, Thy days will seem but dreams, *thy days will*
 ta - bles, ta - - - bles, Thy days will seem, thy
 pale Death's reck - oning ta - bles, ta - bles, Thy days will
 reck - oning ta - - - bles, Thy days will seem

but dreams, thy hopes but fa - bles,
 seem but dreams, but dreams,
 days will seem but dreams, but dreams, thy days will seem but
 seem but dreams, thy
 but dreams, thy days will seem but

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

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

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