

In Winter cold - Whereat an Ant

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Cantus primus [Soprano]

Cantus secundus [Soprano]

Bassus [Tenor]

In Win - ter cold when tree and bush were bare,

cold when tree and bush was bare, And frost had nipped the roots of ten - der

cold when tree and bush was bare, And frost had nipped the roots of ten - der grass,

And frost had nipped the roots of

grass, ten - der grass, The Ants with joy, with joy

of ten - der grass, The Ants with joy, with joy did

ten - der grass, The Ants with joy, did

did feed up - on their fare, up - on their fare, did feed up - on their fare, Which they had

feed up - on their fare, did feed up - on their fare, did feed up - on their fare, Which

feed up - - on their fare, Which they had

stored while Sum - mer sea - son was, while Sum - mer sea - son was, To whom for

they had stored while Sum - mer sea - - - son was,

stored while Sum - mer sea - son was, To

food a Grass - hop - per did cry, to whom for food a Grass - hop - per did
 To whom for food, *to whom for food* a Grass - hop - per did
 whom for food a Grass - hop - per did cry, did

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cry, And said she starved if they did help de - ny, and said she
 cry, And said she starved if they did help de - ny, and said she starved if
 cry, And said she starved, and said she starved

starved if they did help de - ny, if they did help de - ny.
 they did help de - ny, *if they did help de - ny.*
 if they did help de - ny.

Secunda pars

Where - at an Ant with long ex - pe - ri - ence
 Where - at an Ant with long ex - pe - ri -
 Where - at an Ant, an Ant with long ex - pe - ri -

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wise, And frost and snow, had ma - ny, had ma - ny Win -
 -ence wise, And frost and snow, had ma - ny Win - ters seen,
 -ence wise, And frost and snow, had ma - ny Win -

- ters seen, In - quir - ed what in Sum - mer was her guise, what in
In - quir - ed what in Sum - mer was her guise, what in Sum - mer was her
- ters seen, In - quir - ed what in Sum - mer was her
Sum - mer was her ___ guise. Quoth she, quoth she, I sung and hopped,
guise, in Sum - mer was her guise. Quoth she, quoth she, I sung ___
guise, in Sum - mer was her guise. Quoth she, quoth she, I sung ___
I sung ___ and hopped in mea - dows green.
and hopped in mea - dows green, and hopped in mea - dows green, in mea - dows green.
___ and hopped in mea - dows green, in mea - dows green.
Then quoth the Ant, con - tent thee with thy ___ chance, For
Then quoth the Ant, con - tent thee with thy chance, thy chance,
Then quoth the Ant, con - tent thee with thy chance,
to thy song now art thou like to ___ dance. dance.
For to thy song, to thy song now art thou like to dance. dance.
For to thy song, now art thou like to dance. dance.

Source: William Byrd, *Psalmes, Songs, and Sonnets...* (London, 1611), nos.3-4.

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