

# Why sit I here, alas, complaining?

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Soprano I  
Why sit I here, a - las, com-plain-\_\_ ing? Why sit, why

Soprano II  
Why sit I here, a - las, com - plain-\_\_ ing? Why

S  
sit I here, a-las, com - plain-\_\_ ing, sit I here com-plain-\_\_ ing? With

A  
sit I here, a-lone a - las, why sit I here, a - lone com-plain - ing? With sobs and

Com - plain-\_\_ ing, With sobs and

S  
sobs and groan-ings, with sobs and groan-ings, with sobs and groan -

A  
groan-ings, with sobs and groan-ings, with sobs and groan-ings, my

groan-ings, with sobs and groan-ings, with sobs and groan-ings, and groan-\_\_

S  
ings, my dis-\_\_ dain-\_\_ ing. O, this con - tent-\_\_

A  
un - just dis-\_\_ dain - ing. O, this, this\_\_ mirth con-\_\_ tent -

T  
ings, my dis - dain - ing. O, this, this mirth\_\_ con-\_\_ tent -

O, this, this mirth con - tent - eth,

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S eth, whom grief \_\_\_\_\_ tor - ment- \_\_\_\_\_ eth.

A eth, whom grief \_\_\_\_\_ of mind tor- \_\_\_\_\_ ment- \_\_\_\_\_ eth.

T 8 eth, whom grief of mind \_\_\_\_\_ tor- \_\_\_\_\_ ment- \_\_\_\_\_ eth, tor - ment - eth. Ah,

8 whom grief \_\_\_\_\_ of mind tor - ment - eth, tor - ment- \_\_\_\_\_ eth. Ah,

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S Ah, cease this weep- \_\_\_\_\_ ing, this weep -

A Ah, cease this weep- \_\_\_\_\_ ing, cease \_\_\_\_\_ this weep -

T 8 cease this weep- \_\_\_\_\_ ing, cease, a-las, this weep - ing, this weep- \_\_\_\_\_

8 cease this weep- \_\_\_\_\_ ing, cease, a-las, a - las, this weep -

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S ing, fool a-las, fool a-las, she does but this to \_\_\_\_\_ prove, to prove

A ing, fool a-las, fool a-las, \_\_\_\_\_ fool a-las, she does but this to \_\_\_\_\_ prove \_\_\_\_\_

T 8 ing, fool a - las, fool a - las, fool a-las, fool, \_\_\_\_\_ she does but this to prove

8 ing, fool a - las, fool a - las, she does but this to prove

S  
thee: a - way, a-way, a-way, a-way, a - way false com -

A  
thee: a - way, a-way, a-way, a-way, a - way false com -

T  
8 thee: a - way, a-way, a-way, a-way false com - fort, false com -

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S  
fort, no, thou canst not move me, thou canst, thou

A  
fort, no, thou canst not, thou canst not move me, thou canst, thou

T  
8 fort, thou canst not, no thou canst not move me, thou canst, thou canst not move

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S  
canst not move me, move me thou canst, thou canst not move me. You

A  
canst not move me, thou canst, thou canst not move me. You

T  
8 me, no thou canst not move me, thou canst, thou canst not move me. You

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S that saw too much mine eyes, shall dear-ly buy it: you that

A that saw too much mine eyes, dear-ly shall buy it:

T that saw too much mine eyes, dear-ly shall buy it: you that saw too much, too

8 You that saw too much, too

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S saw too much, too much mine eyes, shall dear-ly buy

A you that saw too much mine eyes, dear-ly shall buy

T much mine eyes, shall dear-ly buy it, dear-ly shall buy

8 much mine eyes, shall dear-ly, shall dear-ly buy

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S it: that made my heart, my heart be-lieve I did e-spy it. Hence false

A it: that made my heart be-lieve I did e-spy it, did e-spy it. Hence a-way

T it: that made my heart be-lieve I did e-spy I did e-spy it. Hence then

8 it: that made my heart e-spy it. Hence false

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S com - fort, in vain thou dost ease me, com - fort in vain, thou seekst to

A com-fort, in vain thou dost ease me, com-fort in vain, thou seekst to \_\_\_\_\_

T com - fort, in vain thou dost ease me, \_\_\_\_\_ com - fort in vain, \_\_\_\_\_ thou dost

8 com - fort, in vain thou dost ease me, com - fort in vain, thou seest to ease

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S ease me; a - way I say then, a - way I say, thou

A \_\_\_\_\_ ease me; a - way I say then, a-way I say, no thou

T ease \_\_\_\_\_ me; a-way I say then, a - way, thou

8 me; a - way I say then, a - way, thou canst not

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S canst not please me, a - way I say then, O thou canst not, thou

A canst not please me, a-way I say, no thou canst \_\_\_\_\_ not please \_\_\_\_\_ me, no, thou

T canst not please me, a - way I say, no, no, no thou canst not,

8 please me,

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S canst not please, no, thou canst not please me, thou canst not please, not please

A canst not please, thou canst not please me, \_\_\_\_\_

T no, no, no, no, no thou canst not please me, no, thou canst not please \_\_\_\_\_

8 thou canst not please

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S me, thou canst not \_\_\_\_\_ please \_\_\_\_\_

A thou canst not please me, thou canst not please

T me, a -

8 me, a - way, I say thou

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S me, a - way I say, a - way I say, a - way I say, thou canst not please me.

A me, a - way I say, a - way I say, a - way I say, thou canst, thou canst not please me.

T way I say, a - way I say, a - way I say, thou canst not please me.

8 canst \_\_\_\_\_ not please \_\_\_\_\_ me.