

Alas, for lak of her presens

A Song

Alas for lak of her presens,
Whom I serve and shall as long,
Tyll deth my lyff departe from hens!
Absens it is that wolde me wrong;
And thus is the tyme of his song;
To gett mystrust is his entent
To send to her to make me shent.*
[*shent: *confounded*]

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Altus *Alas*
A - las for lack of her pres - ence,

Contratenor *Alas*
A - las for lack of her pres - ence, Who I

Bassus *Alas*
A - las for lack of her pres - ence, Who I serve and shall as

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A. Whom I serve and shall as long, Till death my life de - part from hence! Ab-sence it

Ct. serve and shall as long, Till death my life de - part from hence! Ab-sence it is that

B. long, Till death my life de - part from hence! Ab-sence it is that

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A. is that would me wrong; And

Ct. would me wrong;

B. would me wrong;

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A. thus is the time of his song; To get mis-trust is his in - tent

Ct. And thus is the time of his song; To get mis - trust is his in - tent

B. And thus is the time of his song; To get mis - trust is his in - tent

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A. To send to her to make me shent.

Ct. To send to her to make me shent.

B. To send to her to make me shent.

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A.

Ct.

B.

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A.

Ct.

B.