

When younglings first on Cupid fix their sight

The first part

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Superius
Tenor
Bassus

When young-lings first on Cu - pid fix their sight, their
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sight, and see him na - ked, blind - fold and a boy, and a
sight, their sight, and see him na - ked, blind - fold and a boy, and a
Cu - pid fix their sight, and see him na - ked, blind - fold and a

boy, though bow and shafts and fi - re-brand be his
boy, though bow and shafts and fi - re-brand be his might, be his might,
boy, though bow and shafts and fi - re-brand be his might, yet

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might, yet ween they he can work them none an - noy, yet
yet ween they he can work them none an - noy, yet ween they
ween they he can work them none an - noy, yet ween they he can work them none an - noy, an -

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ween they he can work them none an - noy, work them none an - noy.
he can work them none an - noy, yet ween they he can work them none an - noy.
- noy, yet ween they he can work them none an - noy.

And there - fore with his pur - ple wings they play, for glo - ri - ous seem - eth

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And there - fore with his pur - ple wings they play, for glo - ri - ous seem - eth

love though light as fea - ther, and when they have done, *and when they have done,*

seem-eth love though light as fea - ther, and when they have done, they

love, though light as fea - ther, and when they have done, they ween to scape

they ween to scape a - way, for blind men say they, say they,

ween to scape a - way, for blind men say they, say they, for *blind*

a - way, for blind men say they, *for blind men say they, shoot*

shoot they know not whi - ther, *shoot they know not whi - ther,* they know not

men say they, shoot they know not whi - ther, *shoot they know not whi - ther,* shoot they know not

they know not whi - ther, *shoot they know not whi - ther,* shoot they know not whi - ther,

whi - ther, not whi - ther, shoot they know not whi - ther, shoot they know not whi - ther.

whi - ther, *shoot they know not whi - ther,* shoot they know not whi - ther.

shoot they know not whi - ther, shoot they know not whi - ther, not whi - ther.

The second part

But when by proof they find that he did see, *that*

But when by proof they find that he did see, *that*

But when by proof they find that he did

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he did see, and that his wound did rather dim their

he did see, and that his wound did rather, did rather dim their

see, did see, and that his wound did rather dim their sight,

sight, they wonder more how such a lad as he, should be

sight, they wonder more how such a lad as he,

they wonder more how such a lad as he, *how such a lad as he,*

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of such surpassing power and might and... might, and

should be of such surpassing power and might, *of such sur -*

should be of such surpassing power and might, should

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... might, should be of such surpassing power and... might, *sur -*

-pass - ing power and might, should be of such surpassing power

— be of such surpassing power and... might, *sur - pass - ing power and might,*

-pass-ing power and_____ might: but Ants have galls, but Ants have
 and might, and_____ might: but Ants have galls, but Ants have
 sur - pass - ing power and_____ might: but Ants have galls, but Ants have

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 galls, have galls, so hath the Bee_____ his sting,
 galls, so hath the Bee_____ his_____ sting, so hath the Bee_____
 galls, so hath the Bee_____ his sting, the Bee_____ his sting, so hath_____

so hath the Bee his_____ sting, then shield me heavens from
 _____ his_____ sting, his_____ sting,
 _____ the Bee his_____ sting, then shield me heavens_____

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 such a sub - tle thing, a sub - tle thing, then shield
 _____ then shield me heavens from such a sub - tle thing, a sub -
 _____ from such a sub - tle thing, then shield me heavens from

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 me heavens from such a sub - tle thing, then shield me heavens_____
 - tle thing, then shield me heavens from such a sub - tle thing, from such_____
 such a sub - tle_____ thing, then shield me heavens from such a

from such a sub - tle thing, then shield me heavens from
 a sub - tle thing, then shield me heavens from
 sub - tle thing, from such a sub - tle thing, from
 such a sub - tle thing, a sub - - - - - tle thing.
 such a sub - - - - - tle thing.
 such a sub - tle thing, from such a sub - tle thing.

Source: William Byrd, *Songs of sundrie natures...* (London, 1589-1610), nos.10-11 (12-13 in 1610).

III.12.1-2: *a* \downarrow *noy* \downarrow

II.27.5: *g*

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