

# I thought that love had been a boy

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius  
Medius  
Contratenor  
Tenor  
Bassus

I thought that  
I thought that love had been a boy, that  
I thought that love had been a boy, *I thought that*  
I thought that love had been a boy, *I thought that*  
I thought that love had been a boy,

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love had been a boy, with blind - ed eyes, or else some  
love had been a boy, with blind - ed eyes, or else some o - ther wan - ton  
love had been a boy, with blind - ed eyes, or else some o - ther wan - ton  
love had been a boy, with blind - ed eyes, blind - ed eyes, or else some o - ther, some o - ther  
with blind - ed eyes, *with blind - ed eyes*, or else some o - ther wan - ton

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o - ther wan - ton toy, that men de - vise,  
toy that men de - vise, that men de - vise,  
toy that men de - vise, that men de - vise, *that men de -*  
wan - ton toy that men de - vise, de - vise, like tales of  
toy, some o - ther wan - ton toy, that men de - vise, like tales of

like tales of fai - ries of - ten told,

like tales of \_\_\_ fai - ries of - - ten told, by do - ting age

-vise, like tales of fai - ries of - ten told, by do - ting age that

fai - ries, of fai - ries \_\_\_ of - ten \_\_\_ told, by do - ting

fai - ries, like tales of fai - ries \_\_\_ of - ten told, by do - ting

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by do - ting age that dies, for cold,

that dies, that dies for cold, for \_\_\_ cold, like tales

dies for cold, for \_\_\_ cold, for cold, that dies for cold,

age that dies for cold, for \_\_\_ cold, like tales of fai - ries,

age, by do - ting age that dies for cold, like tales of fai - ries,

like tales of fai - ries of - ten told,

of \_\_\_ fai - ries of - ten told, by do - ting age that dies for \_\_\_

like tales of fai - ries of - ten told, by do - ting age that

of fai - ries \_\_\_ of - ten told, by do - ting

like tales of fai - ries of - ten told by do - ting age that dies for

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by do - ting age that dies for cold, by  
 cold, that dies for cold, by  
 dies for cold, by do - ting  
 age that dies for cold, that dies for cold, by  
 cold, by do - ting age that dies for cold, by

do - ting age that dies for cold.  
 do - ting age that dies for cold.  
 age that dies for cold, for cold.  
 do - ting age that dies for cold, for cold.  
 do - ting age that dies for cold.

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