

Merciless beauty

A roundelay

Poem by Geoffrey Chaucer (1328-1400)

John Stafford Smith (1750-1836)

Alto
Tenor
Bass

Youre two eyn will sle me so-den - ly, will sle me, sle me so - den - ly. I may the
Youre two eyn will sle me so - den - ly, so - den - ly.
Youre two eyn will sle me so - den - ly. I

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A.
T.
B.

beau-te of them not sus-tene. So wen-deth it tho-row-out my herte,my herte kene.
I may the beau-te of them not sus-tene. So wen-deth it tho-row-out my herte kene.
may the beau-te of them not sus-tene. So wen-deth it tho-row-out my herte,my herte kene.

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A.
T.
B.

And but your words will he - len has - te - ly.
And but your words will he - len has - te - ly. And but your words will
And but your words will

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A.
T.
B.

my her - teis wound while that it is grene.
he - len has - te - ly my her - teis wound while that it is grene.
he - len has - te - ly my her - teis wound while that it is grene.

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A. Youre two eyn will. sle me so-den - ly, will. sle me, sle me so - den - ly. Up-on my

T. Youre two eyn will. sle me so - den ly, so - den - ly. Up-on my

B. Youre two eyn will. sle me so - den - ly. Up-on my

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A. trouth I sey_ you feith-ful - ly, that ye ben of my liffe and deth the

T. trouth I sey_ you feith - ful - ly, that ye ben of my liffe and deth the quene, of my liffe and deth the

B. trouth I sey you feith - ful - ly, that ye ben of my liffe and deth, my liffe and deth the

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A. quene, for with my deth the trouth shall be sene, shall be sene,

T. quene, for with my deth the trouth shall be sene, for

B. quene, for with my deth the trouth shall be sene, for with my

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A. for with my deth the trouth shall be sene, shall be sene. End with ye first strain.

T. with my deth the trouth, the trouth shall be sene, shall be sene.

B. deth the trouth, for with my deth the trouth shall be sene.