

Sumwhat musyng

The Fayrfax Manuscript Version

Sumwhat musyng
And more morenyng,
In remembryng
The unstedfastness,
This wordle beyng
Of such welyng,
Me contraryng;
What may I gess?*

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Ligature and coloration brackets have been omitted to aid readability.

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Altus *Sumwhat*
Some-what mu - sing _____ in re-mem-b'ring the un-stead-fast-ness, this

Contratenor *Sumwhat*
Some-what mu - sing and more mour-ning in re-mem-b'ring the un-stead-fast-ness, this

Bassus *Sumwhat*
and more mour-ning in re-mem-b'ring the un-stead-fast-ness, this

A.
world be - ing _____ of such wheel - ing what may I gess? _____

Ct.
world be-ing of such wheel - ing me con-tra-ry-ing; what may I gess? I

B.
world be - ing _____ me con-tra - ry - ing; what may I gess? _____ I

*Complete text to be found online at the Choral Public Domain Library

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A. for un - kind - ness with-

Ct. fear doubt - less re - me - di - less is now to cease my woe-ful chance; for un-kind - ness

B. fear doubt - less re - me - di - less is now to cease my woe-ful chance;

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A. out-en - less and no re - dress me doth ad - vance With dis - plea - sance to my

Ct. with-out-en-less and no re-dress me doth ad - vance With dis-plea - sance to my great grie-

B. With dis - plea - sance to my great

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A. grie - vance and no 'sur - ance of re-me-dy;

Ct. vance and no 'sur-ance of re-me-dy;

B. grie - vance and no 'sur-ance of re-me-dy;

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A. lo, in this trance, now in sub - stance such is my dance

Ct. lo, in this trance, now in sub - stance such is my dance

B. lo, in this trance, now in sub - stance such is my dance

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A. wil - ling to die.

Ct. wil - ling to die.

B. wil - ling to die.

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A. Me think - eth tru - ly to be con - tent,

Ct. Me think-eth tru - ly boun-den were I and that great-ly to be con - tent,

B. Me think-eth tru - ly boun-den am I and that great-ly

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A. for - tune doth wry all con-tra - ry from mine in - tent.

Ct. say - ing plain-ly, for - tune doth wry all con-tra - ry from mine in - tent.

B. say - ing plain - ly, for - tune doth wry all con-tra - ry from mine in - tent.

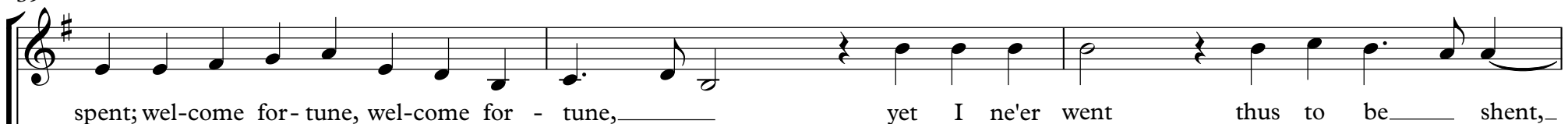
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A. to an in - tent; it is nigh


Ct. my life was lent to an in - tent; it is nigh spent;

B. my life was lent it is nigh spent;


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A.  spent; wel-come for-tune, wel-come for - tune, yet I ne'er went thus to be shent, _


Ct.  wel-come for - tune, yet I ne'er went thus to be

B.  wel-come for - tune,

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A.  such is her wont.

Ct.  shent, but she it meant, such is her wont.

B.  but she it meant, such is her wont.