

Love Bade me Welcome

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: Philip Le Bas

J = 85 Warmly

SOPRANO *pp* *mf*
 Love bade* me wel - come, Love bade me wel - come. Love bade me
 ALTO *pp* *mf*
 Love bade* me wel - come, Love bade me wel - come. Love bade me
 TENOR *pp* *mf*
 Love bade* me wel - come, Love bade me wel - come. Love bade me
 BASS *pp* *mf*
 Love bade* me wel - come, Love bade me wel - come. Love bade me

J = 85 Warmly

Piano (for practice only) *pp* *mf*

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 wel - come; yet my soul drew back, gu - ilty of dust and sin.
 wel - come yet my soul drew back, gu - ilty of dust, of dust and sin.
 wel - come yet my soul drew back, gu - ilty, gu - ilty of dust, of dust and sin.
 wel - come; yet my soul drew back, gu - ilty of dust and sin.

*pronounced "bad"

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pp

mp (lightly)

Love bade me wel-come, Love bade me wel-come. But quick-eyed Love, ob -

pp

mp (lightly)

Love bade me wel-come, Love bade me wel-come. But quick-eyed Love, ob -

pp

mp (lightly)

Love bade me wel-come, Love bade me wel-come. But quick-eyed Love, ob -

pp

mp (lightly)

Love bade me wel-come, Love bade me wel-come. But quick-eyed Love, ob -

pp

mp

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p

ser-ving me grow slack from my first en-trance in, drew near-er to me, sweet-ly

pp

ser-ving me grow slack from my first en-trance in, drew near-er to me, sweet-ly

pp

ser-ving me grow slack from my first en-trance in, drew near-er to me, sweet-ly

pp

ser-ving me grow slack from my first en-trance in, drew near-er to me, sweet-ly

pp

pp

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que-stion-ing if I lacked an - y - thing. Love bade me wel-come, Love bade me
que-stion-ing if I lacked an - y - thing. Love bade me wel-come, Love bade me
que-stion-ing if I lacked an - y - thing. Love bade me wel-come, Love bade me
que-stion-ing if I lacked an - y - thing. Love bade me wel-come, Love bade me

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wel-come. 'A guest', I an - swered, 'Wor-thy to be here.' Love
wel-come. 'A guest', I an - swered, 'Wor-thy to be here.' _____
wel-come. 'A guest', I an - swered, 'wor-thy to be here.'
wel-come. 'A guest', I an - swered, 'Wor-thy to be here.' Love

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said, 'You shall be he.' Love bade me welcome, Love bade me
 Love said, 'You shall be he.' Love bade me welcome, Love bade me
 Love said, 'You shall be he.' Love bade me welcome, Love bade me
 said, 'You shall be he.' Love bade me welcome, Love bade me

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wel-come. I, the un-kind, un - grate- ful? Ah, my dear, I can-not look on
 wel-come. I, the un-kind, un - grate- ful? Ah, my dear, I can-not look on
 wel-come. I, the un-kind, un - grate- ful? Ah, my dear, I can-not look on
 wel-come. I, the un-kind, un - grate- ful? Ah, my dear, I can-not look on

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thee.' Love, Love took my hand, and smi-ling did re ply, 'Who made the eyes but I?'
 thee.' Love, Love took my hand, and smi-ling did re ply, 'Who made the eyes but I?'
 thee.' Love took my hand, and smi-ling did re ply, 'Who made the eyes but I?'
 thee.' Love, Love took my hand, and smi-ling did re ply, 'Who made the eyes but I?'

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Love bade me wel - come, Love bade me wel - come. 'Truth, Lord, but I have
 Love bade me wel - come, Love bade me wel - come. 'Lord, I have
 Love bade me wel - come, Love bade me wel - come. 'Lord, I have
 Love bade me wel - come, Love bade me wel - come. 'Lord, I have

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marred them; let my shame go where it doth de-serve.
marred them; let my shame go where it doth de-serve.
marred them; let my shame, let my shame go where it doth de - serve.
marred them; let my shame, my shame go where it doth de - serve.

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pp Love bade me wel - come, *mf* Love bade me wel - come. 'And know you not,' says
pp Love bade me wel - come, *mf* Love bade me wel - come. 'And know you not,' says
pp Love bade me wel - come, *mf* Love bade me wel - come. 'And know you not,' says
pp Love bade me wel - come, *mf* Love bade me wel - come. 'And know you not,' says

p

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slower

f

a tempo

p

Love, 'who bore the blame?' — 'My dear, then I will serve.' 'You must sit

f

p

Love, 'who bore the blame?' — 'My dear, then I will serve.' 'You must sit

f

p

8 Love, 'who bore the blame?' — 'My dear, then I will serve.' 'Sit

f

p

Love, 'who bore the blame?' — 'My dear, then I will serve.' 'Sit

slower

a tempo

66

f

down', says Love, 'and taste my meat.' So I did sit and

f

down', says Love, 'and taste my meat.' So I did sit and

f

8 down', says Love, 'and taste my meat.' So I did sit and

f

down', says Love, 'and taste my meat.' So I did sit and

f

Musical score for "So I did sit and eat." The score consists of five staves. The top three staves are in treble clef, and the bottom two are in bass clef. Measure 69 starts with a dynamic of ***ff***. The lyrics "So I did sit and eat." are repeated three times across the first three staves. The fourth staff begins with a dynamic of ***ff***, followed by "So I did sit and eat." The fifth staff begins with a dynamic of ***ff***, followed by "So I did sit and eat." The lyrics "So I did sit and eat." are repeated again on the fourth staff, followed by a dynamic of ***rit.*** The score concludes with a dynamic of ***ff*** on the fifth staff.

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