

# Love Bade me Welcome

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: Philip Le Bas

*♩ = 85 Warmly*

SOPRANO *pp* Love\_\_ bade\* me wel-come, Love\_\_ bade me wel-come. *mf* Love\_\_ bade me

ALTO *pp* Love bade\* me wel come, Love bade me wel-come. *mf* Love\_\_ bade me

TENOR *pp* Love\_\_ bade\* me wel come, Love\_\_ bade me wel-come. *mf* Love\_\_ bade me

BASS *pp* Love bade\* me wel come, Love bade me wel-come. *mf* Love\_\_ bade me

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

*mp* (*lightly*)

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

*mp* (*lightly*)

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

*mp* (*lightly*)

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

*mp* (*lightly*)

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

*pp*

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

*pp*

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

*pp*

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

*pp*

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

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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

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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 wel come, Love bade me wel-come.

Love said, 'You shall be he.' Love bade me wel come, Love bade me wel-come.

Love said, 'You shall be he.' Love bade me wel come, Love bade me wel-come.

said, 'You shall be he.' Love bade me wel come, Love bade me wel-come.

*pp*

*p*

*f*

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I, the un-kind, un - grate-ful? Ah, my dear, I can-not look on thee.' Love,

I, the un-kind, un - grate-ful? Ah, my dear, I can-not look on thee.' Love,

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

I, the un-kind, un - grate-ful? Ah, my dear, I can-not look on thee.' Love,

*p*

*pp*

*f*

*pp*

*p*

*pp*

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*mf* *p*

Love took my hand, and smi-ling did re-ply, 'Who made the eyes\_ but I?' Love\_\_ bade me

*mf* *p*

Love took my hand, and smi-ling did re-ply, 'Who made the eyes but\_ I?' Love\_\_ bade me

*mf* *ff* *p*

Love took my hand, and smi-ling did re-ply, 'Who made the eyes but I?' Love\_\_ bade me

*mf* *p*

Love took my hand, and smi-ling did re-ply, 'Who made the eyes\_ but I?' Love bade me

*mf* *mf* *p*

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*mf*

wel - come, Love\_\_ bade me wel-come. 'Truth, Lord,\_but I have marred them;

*mf*

wel-come, Love\_\_ bade me wel-come. 'Lord,\_\_ I have marred them;

*mf*

wel-come, Love\_\_ bade me wel-come. 'Lord, I have marred them; let my

*mf*

wel-come, Love bade me wel-come. 'Lord,\_\_ I have marred them;

*mf*

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let my shame go where it doth de-serve. Love bade me wel-come,  
 let my shame go where it doth de-serve. Love bade me wel-come,  
 shame, let my shame go where it doth de-serve. Love bade me wel-come,  
 let my shame, my shame go where it doth de-serve. Love bade me wel-come,

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Love bade me wel-come. *mf* 'And know you not,' says Love, 'who bore the blame?' *f* *slower* 'My  
 Love bade me wel-come. *mf* 'And know you not,' says Love, 'who bore the blame?' *f*  
 Love bade me wel-come. *mf* 'And know you not, says Love, 'who bore the blame?' *f*  
 Love bade me wel-come. *mf* 'And know you not,' says Love, 'who bore the blame?' *f* *slower* 'My

64 *a tempo*  
*p*  
 dear, then I will serve.' 'You must sit down', says Love, 'and taste my meat.' So  
*p*  
 dear, then I will serve.' 'You must sit down', says Love, 'and taste my meat.' So  
*p*  
 dear, then I will serve.' 'Sit down', says Love, 'and taste my meat.' So  
*p*  
 dear, then I will serve.' 'Sit down', says Love, 'and taste my meat.' So

68 *f* *ff rit.*  
 I did sit and eat. So I did sit and eat.  
*f* *ff*  
 I did sit and eat. So I did sit and eat.  
*f* *ff*  
 I did sit and eat. So I did sit and eat.  
*f* *ff*  
 I did sit and eat. So I did sit and eat.