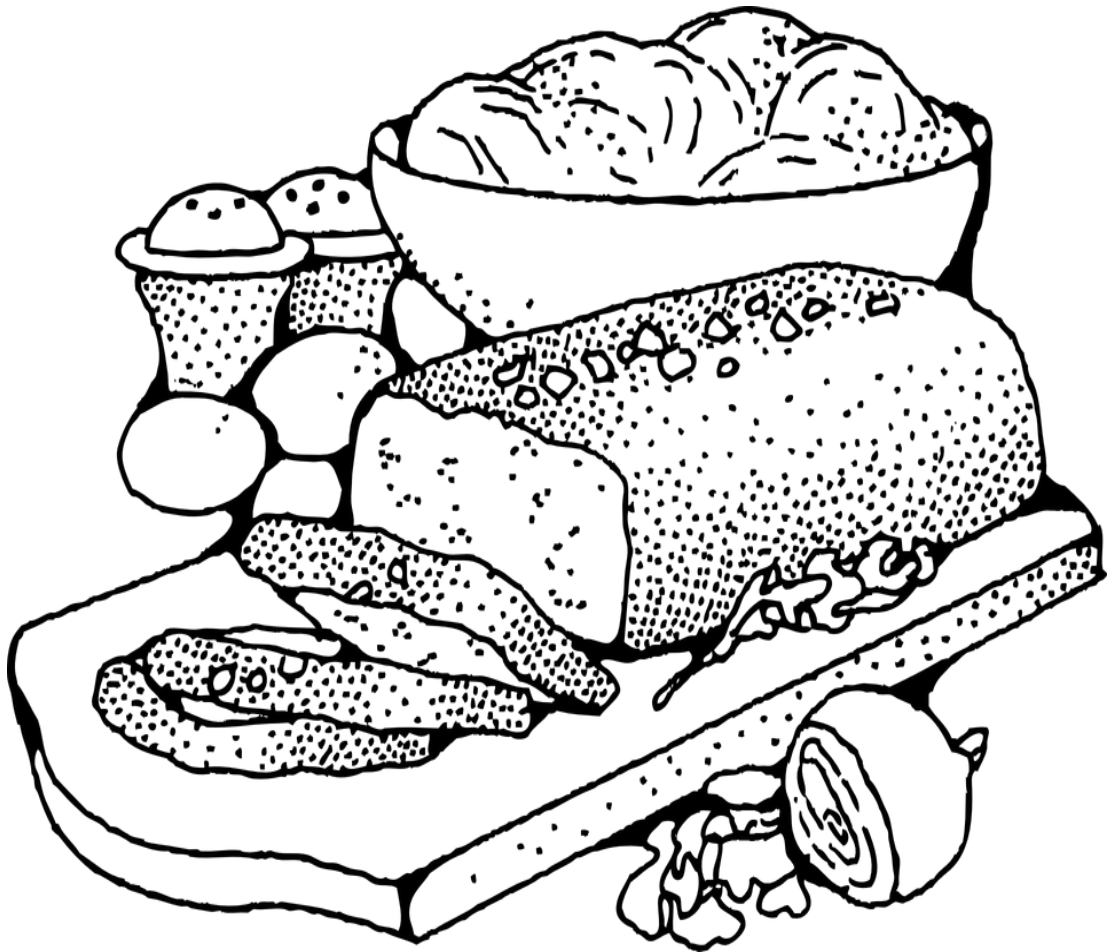


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for SATB choir

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Music: Philip Le Bas

$\text{♩} = 90$  *Warmly*

SOPRANO *mf*  
1. Love\_\_ bade me

ALTO *pp* *mf*  
Love\_ bade\* me wel-come.\_ Love\_ bade me wel-come.\_ 1. Love\_\_ bade me

TENOR *pp* *mf*  
Love\_ bade\* me wel - come. Love bade me wel - come. 1. Love\_\_ bade me

BASS *mf*  
1. Love\_\_ bade me

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

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

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

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

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*p* *lightly*, *legato*  
But quick-eyed Love, ob -

*pp* *p* *lightly*, *legato*  
Love\_ bade me wel-come.\_ Love\_ bade me wel-come. But quick- eyed\_ Love, ob -

*pp* *p* *lightly*, *legato*  
Love bade me\_ wel - come. Love bade me\_ wel - come. But quick- eyed\_ Love, ob -

*ppp* *p* *lightly*, *legato*  
Mmm\_ Mmm\_ But quick- eyed\_ Love, ob -

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

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

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

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

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que - stion - ing if I lacked an - y - thing.

que - stion - ing if I lacked an - y - thing.

que - stion - ing if I lacked an - y - thing.

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

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'Wor - thy.' Love said, 'You -

Wor - thy, wor - thy to be here.' Love said, 'You -

2. A guest', I answered, 'wor - thy to be here.' Love said, 'You shall be

Love, bade me wel - come. 'Wor - thy, to be here, wor - thy.' Love said, 'You shall be

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shall be he.'

shall be he.'

he.'

Love bade me wel-come. Love bade me wel-come.

he.'

*ppp* *Mmm*

*pp* *div.* *Mmm* *Mmm*

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Ah, my dear, my dear, I can-not, can-not look on thee.'

Aah I can-not, can-not look on thee.'

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

Aah My dear, I can-not look on thee.'

*mp* *mf*

*pp* *mp* *mf*

*mf* *f*

*pp* *mp* *mf*

41

*mf* 'Who made the eyes but I?' Love bade me

*mf* 'Who made the eyes but I?' Love bade me

*mp* Love took my hand, and smi-ling did re-ply, *ff* 'Who made the eyes but I?' *mf* Love bade me

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

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wel - come, wel - come.. *f* Love bade me *mf* wel - come. 3. 'Truth, *f* Lord, but I have

wel - come, wel - come. *f* Love bade me *mf* wel - come. 3. 'Truth, *f* Lord, I have

wel - come. *f* Love bade me wel - come.

wel - come, *f* Love bade me wel - come.

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*rit.* *slowly and*

*f* *p*

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

*f* *ppp*

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

*f* *ppp*

3. 'Let my shame, let my shame go where, go where it doth de-serve. *Mmm*

*mf* *f* *ppp*

3. I \_\_\_ have marred them; let my shame, my shame go where it doth de - serve. \_\_\_ *Mmm*

*a tempo*

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*pp* *mf*

where it doth de - serve. 'And know you not,' says Love, 'who bore the

*pppp* *mf*

'And know you not,' says Love, 'who bore, who

*pppp* *mf*

'Know you not who bore, who

*pppp* *mf*

'And know you not who bore the

59 *f (rather grandly)* *mp*

blame?' 'My dear, then I will serve.' 'Sit down', says Love, 'and

*f* *p*

bore the blame?"My dear, then I will serve.' 'You must sit down and

*f*

bore the blame?"My dear, then I will serve.' 'You must sit down', says Love, 'and

*f* *pp*

blame?' 'My dear, then I will serve.' Sit down and

63 *f* *rit.* *ff*

taste my meat.' So I did sit and eat. So I did sit and eat.

*f* *ff* *div.*

taste my meat.' So I did sit and eat. So I did sit and eat.

*f* *ff*

taste my meat.' So I did sit and eat. So I did sit and eat.

*f* *ff* *div.*

taste my meat.' So I did sit and eat. So I did sit and eat.

taste my meat.' So I did sit and eat. So I did sit and eat. Seal 2018