



Hymn to the moon

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(1852-1929)

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Queen and huntress, chaste and fair,
Now the sun has sunk to sleep,
Seated in thy silver chair,
State in wonted manner keep.
Hesperus entreats thy light,
Goddess excellently bright.

Earth, let not thy envious shade
Dare itself to interpose;
Cynthia's shining orb was made,
Heaven to clear when day did close.
Bless us then with wished sight,
Goddess excellently bright.

Lay thy bow of pearl apart,
And thy crystal shining quiver;
Give unto the flying hart
Space to breathe, how short so-ever.
Thou that makest a day of night,
Goddess excellently bright.

Ben Jonson (1572-1637)

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Andante espressivo ♩ = 64

S *p* Queen and huntress, chaste and fair, _____

A *p* Queen and huntress, chaste, chaste and fair, _____

T *p* Queen and huntress, chaste and fair, _____

B *p* Queen and huntress, chaste, chaste and fair, _____

6 S *cresc.* Now the sun has sunk, *dim.* has sunk to

A *poco cresc.* Now the sun has sunk, *dim.* has sunk to

T *poco cresc.* Now the sun has sunk, has sunk to sleep, *dim.* now the

B *poco cresc.* Now the sun has sunk, *dim.* has sunk to



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S sleep, *mf* Seat - ed in thy sil - ver chair, *dim.* thy sil - ver

A sleep, has sunk to sleep, *p* Seat - ed in thy sil - ver

T sun has sunk to sleep, *mf* Seat - ed in thy sil - ver

B sleep, has sunk to sleep, *mf* Seat - ed in thy sil - ver chair, thy sil - ver

14

S chair, *poco cresc.* State in wont - ed

A chair, *poco cresc.* State in wont - ed man - ner keep, in wont - ed man - ner

T chair, thy sil - ver chair,

B chair, *poco cresc.* State in wont - ed man - ner keep, in wont - ed man - ner

17

S man - ner keep, *mf* state in

A keep, in wont - ed man - ner keep, *p* in wont - ed man - ner,

T State in wont - ed man - ner keep, *p* in wont - ed man - ner,

B keep, in wont - ed man - ner keep, *mf* in

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20 *dim.*

S wont - - - ed, state in wont - ed man - ner keep.

A in wont - ed man - ner, state in wont - ed, state in wont - ed man - ner keep. *dim.*

T in wont - ed man - ner, state in wont - ed, state in wont - ed man - ner keep. *dim.*

B wont - - - ed man - - - - ner keep. *dim.*

Con spirito ♩ = 88

23

S

A Hes - per-us en - treats thy light, _____ en - treats thy _____

T Hes - per-us en - treats thy light, _____ en - treats thy light, _____ en - treats thy _____

B

26

S Hes - per - us en - trats thy

A light, _____ en - treats thy _____ light, _____ en - treats thy _____

T light, _____ en - treats thy light,

B Hes - per - us en - treats thy light, _____ en - treats thy

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S light, en - treats thy light, *cresc.* *ff* God - dess,

A light, *ff* God - dess,

T *cresc.* *ff* God - - - - - dess,

B light, en - treats thy light, *ff* God - dess,

31 *rall.*

S god - - - - - dess ex - cel - lent - ly bright.

A *rall.* god - - - - - dess ex - cel - lent - ly bright.

T *rall.* god - - - - - dess ex - cel - lent - ly bright.

B *rall.* god - - - - - dess ex - cel - lent - ly bright.

Tempo 1

34 *p*

S Earth, let not thy en - vious

A *p* Earth, let not thy en - vious, en - vious

T *p* Earth, let not thy en - vious

B *p* Earth, let not thy en - vious, en - vious

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S shade _____ Dare it -

A shade _____ Dare it - self _____ to _____

T shade _____ Dare _____ it - self _____ to _____

B shade _____ Dare _____ it - self _____ to _____

cresc.

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

41

S self _____ to in - ter - pose; _____

A in - ter - pose, _____ it - self to in - ter -

T in - ter - pose, _____ dare _____ it - self _____

B in - ter - pose, _____ it - self _____ to _____

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

44

S Cyn - thia's shi - ning orb was made, _____ her shi - ning orb was

A pose; _____ Cyn - thia's shi - ning orb _____ was _____

T _____ to in - ter - pose; _____ Cyn - thia's shi - ning orb, her

B in - ter - pose; _____ Cyn - thia's shi - ning orb her shi - ning orb was

mf

dim.

p

mf

mf

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47 *poco cresc.*

S made Heav'n _____ to clear when

A made Heav'n to clear when day did close, to clear when day did

T shi - ning orb was made _____

B made Heav'n to clear when day did close, to clear when day did

50 *mf*

S day _____ did close, heav'n _____ to

A close, to clear when day did close, heav'n to clear when day did

T Heav'n to clear when day did close, to clear when day did

B close, to clear when day did close, when day did close, heav'n to

53 *dim.*

S clear _____ when day, _____ when day did close.

A close, to clear when day did close, to clear when day did close, when day did close.

T close, to clear when day did close, to clear when day did close, when day did close.

B clear when day _____ did close.

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S

A

T

B

Bless us then with wish - ed sight, with wish - ed

Bless us then with wish - ed sight, with wish - ed sight, with wish - ed

59

S

A

T

B

Bless us then with wish - ed

sight, with wish - ed sight, with wish - ed

sight, with wish - ed sight,

Bless us then with wish - ed sight, with wish - ed

61

S

A

T

B

sight, with wish - ed sight, God - dess,

sight, God - dess,

God - - - - - dess,

sight, with wish - ed sight, God - dess,

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64 *rall.*

S god - - - dess ex - cel - lent - ly bright.

A god - - - dess ex - cel - lent - ly bright.

T god - - - dess ex - cel - lent - ly bright.

B god - - - dess ex - cel - lent - ly bright.

Tempo 1

67 *p*

S Lay thy bow — of pearl a - part,

A *pp* Lay thy bow, lay thy bow of pearl a - part,

T *pp* Lay thy bow, lay thy bow of pearl a - part,

B *pp* Lay thy bow, lay thy bow of pearl a - part,

71

S And thy crys - tal shi - ning quiv - er;

A And thy, thy crys - tal shi - ning quiv - er;

T And thy, thy crys - tal shi - ning quiv - er;

B And thy, thy crys - tal shi - ning quiv - er;

75 *cresc.*

S Give un - to the fly - ing hart

A Give un - to the fly - ing hart

T Give un - to the fly - ing hart Space to

B Give un - to the fly - ing hart

79 *dim.* *p*

S Space to breathe, how short so - ev - er,

A Space to breathe, how short so - ev - er,

T breathe, space to breathe, how short so - ev - er,

B Space to breathe, how short so - ev - er,

83 *mf* *dim.* *p*

S space to breathe, how short so - ev - er.

A space to breathe, how short so - ev - er.

T space to breathe, how short so - ev - er.

B space to breathe, how short so - ev - er.

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S

A

T

B

f

Thou that mak'st a day of

Thou that mak'st a day of night, a day of

89

S

A

T

B

night, a day of night, a day of

night, a day of

f

Thou that mak'st a day of

91

S

A

T

B

Thou that mak'st a day of night, a day of

night, a day of night, a day of

night,

night, a day of night, a day of

93

S night,

A night,

T Thou that mak'st a day, a day of

B night, that mak'st a day of night,

95

S Thou that mak'st a day of

A Thou that mak'st a day of night,

T night, God - dess,

B God - dess,

97

S night, thou that mak'st a day of

A thou that mak'st a day of night,

T god - dess, god - dess,

B

106 *rall.* *ff*

S
god - - - dess ex - cel - lent - ly bright.

A *rall.* *ff*

A
god - - - dess ex - cel - lent - ly bright.

T *rall.* *ff*

T
god - - - dess ex - cel - lent - ly bright.

B *rall.* *ff*

B
god - - - dess ex - cel - lent - ly bright.

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