



Seven English Songs

by Rosseter, Johnson and Dowland

Arranged by Peter Billam

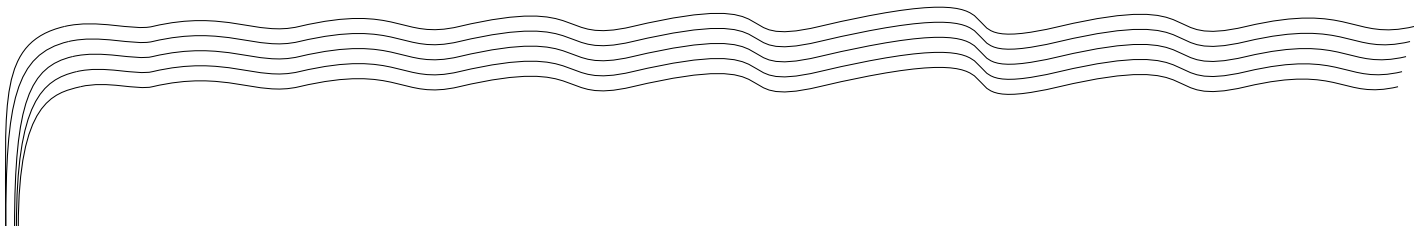
For guitar accompaniment

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Seven English Songs, for voice and guitar

I used these arrangements when I was a guitarist, accompanying the Swiss tenor Franz Anderegg in the late 1970's.

I saw my Lady Weep

I saw my lady weep, and Sorrow proud to be advanced so
In those fair eyes, in those fair eyes where all perfections keep.
Her face was full of woe, full of woe; but such a woe, believe me,
As wins more hearts than mirth can do, with all her enticing parts.

Sorrow was there made fair, and Passions wise, tears a delightful thing;
Silence beyond, silence beyond all speech a wisdom rare.
She made her sighs to sing, sighs to sing; and all things
With a sadness move that made my heart both grieve and love.

O, fairer than aught else the world can show, leave off in time to grieve;
Enough, enough, enough, enough, your joyful looks excel.
Tears kill the heart, believe, kill the heart; O strive not
To be excellent in Woe, which only bring you Beauty's overthrow.

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When Laura smiles

Fast

When Laura smiles, her sight re - vives both night and
The earth and heav'n views with de - light her wan - ton

(2nd verse)

day play And her speech with ev - er - flowing

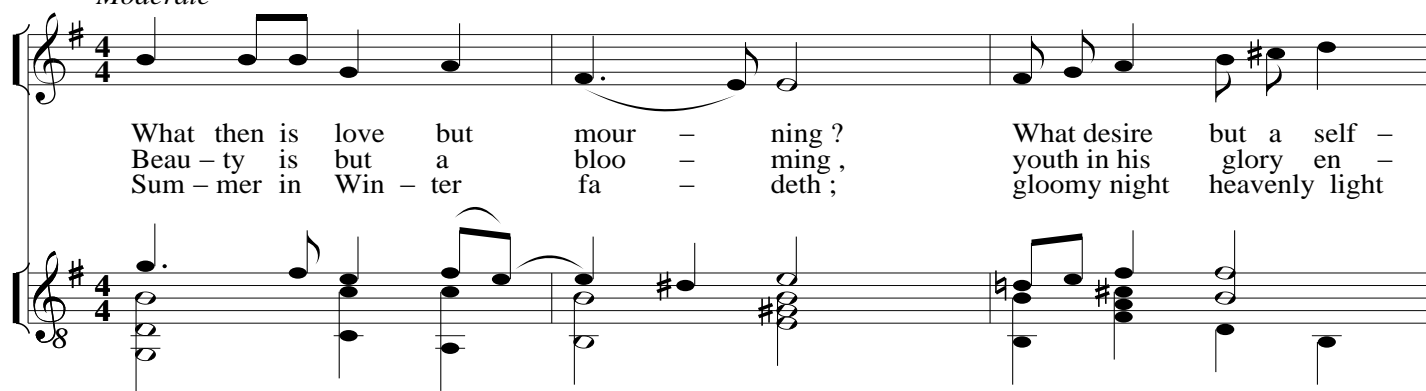
mu - sic doth re - pair the cru - el wounds of

sor - row and un - tamed de - spair .

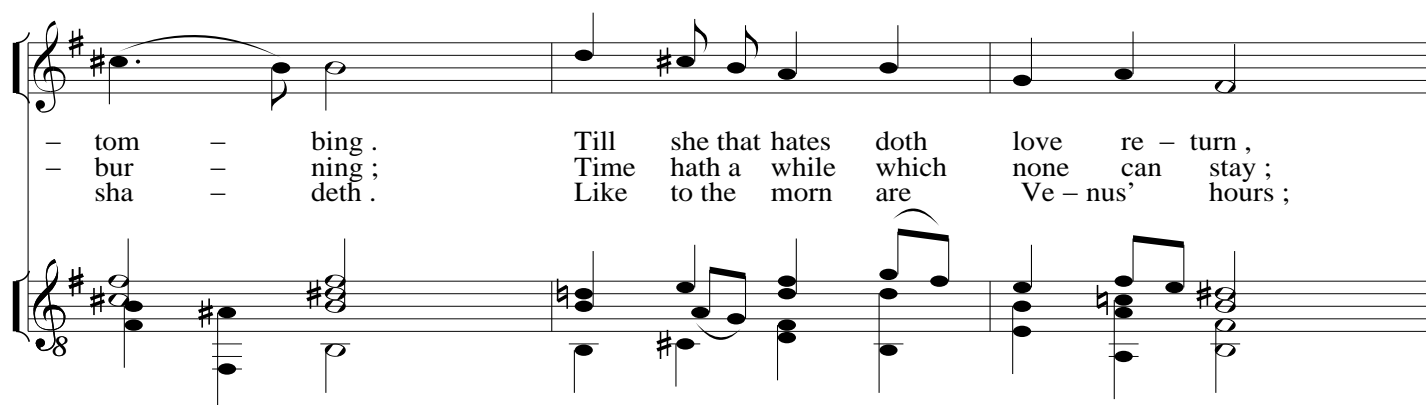
- 2) The spirits that remain in fleeting air
Affect for pastime to untwine her tressed hair ;
The birds think sweet Aurora, Morning's queen, doth shine
From her bright sphere, when Laura shows her looks divine.
- 3) Diana's eyes are not adorn'd with greater power
Than Laura's, when she lifts awhile for sport to lure
And when she her eyes encolseth, blindness doth appear
The chiefest grace of beauty, sweetly seated there.
- 4) Love has no fire but what he steals from her bright eyes;
Time has no power but that which in her pleasure lies.
For she with her devine beauties all the world subdues,
And fills with heav'nly spirits my humble muse.

What then is love but mourning ?

Moderate



What then is love but mour - ning ? What desire but a self -
 Beau - ty is but a bloo - ming , youth in his glory en -
 Sum - mer in Win - ter fa - deth ; gloomy night heavenly light



- tom - bing . Till she that hates doth love re - turn ,
 - bur - ning ; Time hath a while which none can stay ;
 sha - deth . Like to the morn are Ve - nus' hours ;



Thus will I mourn , Thus will I sing ,
 Then come a - way While thus I sing , Come away, come away my dar - ling !
 Such are her hours , Then will I sing ,

Full fathom five

Robert Johnson

Fairly slow

Full fathom five my fa - ther lies ; Of his bones are co - ral

made ; Those are pearls that were his eyes ; Nothing of him that doth fade .

but doth suffer a sea - change Into something rich and strange .

Sea - nymphs hourly ring his knell : Hark ! now I hear them, Hark !

now I hear them : Ding dong bell . Ding dong, ding dong bell ,

Ding dong, ding dong bell , Ding dong, ding dong bell .

I saw my lady weep

Not too slow

I saw my lady weep, and sorrow proud to be advanced so in those fair eyes, in those fair eyes where all perfections keep. Her face was full of woe, full of woe; but such a woe, believe me. as wins more hearts than Mirth can do with her, with her enticing parts.

Come again

John Dowland

Come a - gain , sweet love doth now in - vite thy
 Come a - gain , that I may cease to mourn through
 Gentle love , draw forth thy woun - ding dart , Thou

graces that re - frain to do me due de - light to see ,
 thy un - kind dis - dain ; for now left and for - lorn I sit ,
 canst not pierce her heart ; for I that did ap - prove by sighs

to hear , to touch, to kiss , to die with thee again , in
 I sigh , I weep , I faint , I die in deadly pain , and
 and tears , more hot than are thy shafts did 'tempt, while she, while

sweetest sym - pa - thy . to see , .12 to hear , to touch, .12 to kiss , to die
 endless mi - se - ry . I sit , I sigh , I weep , I faint , I die
 she for tri - umph laughs . By sighs and tears , more hot than are thy shafts

with thee again , in sweetest sym - pa - thy .
 in deadly pain , and endless mi - se - ry .
 did 'tempt, while she, while she for tri - umph laughs .

Come away, come, sweet love!

Come a - way, come, sweet love, the golden morn - ning breaks ;
All the earth all the air of love and plea - sure speaks .

Teach thine arms then to em - brace and sweet ro - sy lips to
Eyes were made for beauty's grace view - ing , rue - ing lovelong

kiss, and mix our souls in mu - tual bliss;
pain, pro - cured by beau - ty's rude dis - dain.

2) Come away, come, sweet love!
The golden morning wakes,
While the sun from his sphere
His fiery arrows casts,
Making all the shadows fly,
Playing, staying, in the grove
To entertain the stealth of love.
Thither, sweet love, let us hie,
Flying, dying in desire
Wingèd with hopes and heav'nly fire.

3) Come away, come, sweet love!
Do not in vain adorn
Beauty's grace, which should rise
Like to the naked morn.
Lilies on the riverside
And fair Cyprian flowers new-blown
Desire no beauties but their own.
Ornament is nurse of pride,
Pleasure, measure Love's delight:
Haste then, sweet love, our wishèd flight!

Wilt thou, unkind, thus reave me

John Dowland

Moderate

Wilt thou, un-kind thus reave me of my heart, of my heart,
 Hope by dis-dain growscheer-less, fear doth love. love doth fear.
 Ture love can-not be chan-ged, though delight from desert

and so leave me, and so leave me? me?
 Beauty peer-less, beau-ty peer-less less Fare-
 be es-tra-ged, be es-tra-ged. ged.

1a 2a

- well, fare-well, but yet or ere I part, o cru-

- el, kiss me sweet, kiss me sweet, sweet my je-wel! Fare je-well!
 1a 2a

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