MUSIC SUPPLEMENT TO LUTE NEWS 106 (JULY 2013): VICENZO BERNIA OF BOLOGNA

Worklist1

- 1. Toccata a. Besard 1617, p. 32 Toccata Cromatica del Signor Vicenzo Bernia Bollognese
 - **b.** Mylius 1622, p. 22 *Toccada*
 - c. CZ.Pnm IV.G.8 (Rettenwert), ff. 110v-111r Toccata
- 2. Recercar Besard 1617, pp. 33-34 Ricercar dell'istesso [Vicenzo Bernia Bollognese] sopra ut re mi fa sol la CH-Bfenyves, f. 40r Continuatio moduli antecedentis [unavailable]
- 3. Balletto US-BEm 757, f. 22r Baletto del bernia
- **4. Balletto a.** US-BEm 757, f. 21r *Baletto del Bernia* **b.** US-BEm 757, f. 15v *Baletto*
- Balletto a. D-B 4022, ff. 4v-5r Bologuia [?]lesz [Vi]cento [B]ernia
 US-BEm 757, f. 30r Uno baletto
 cf. Ballard 1614, p. 54 Branles de Village Quatriesme
- Besard 1617, p. 28 Branles de village [duet]

 6. Balletto a. US-BEm 757, f. 28r Baletto del Bernia
 b. US-BEm 757, ff. 13v-14r Baletto
- 7. Balletto US-BEm 757, f. 24v Balletto in Corrente del bernia
- 8. Baletto I-TRc 1947, f. 7r Baletto V. B.
- 9. Baletto I-TRc 1947, ff. 19v-20r Baletto del Sig. V. B.
- 10. Baletto I-TRc 1947, f. 20r Baletto del Sig. V. B.
- 11. Courante US-BEm 757, f. 21v Corente del bernia
- 12. Curanta I-TRc 1947, f. 10r Curanta V. B.
- 13. Courante D-B 4022, ff. 4r-4v Courrante Sophla Monycha V. B.
- 14. Volta I-TRc 1947, f. 22v Una volta dett[a] la favorita di V. B.
- 15. Gagliarda CH-Bu F.IX.70, p. 299 VIII./ Gagliarda./ V. B.
- 16. Gallus et Gallina

Besard 1617, p. 47 Gallus et Gallina D. Vicent. Bernia

Sixteen lute solos for 6-10 course lutes in two prints and six manuscripts are ascribed to 'Vicenzo Bernia Bollognese', 'Bernia', or 'V. B.', probably all by the same early 17th-century composer.2 Bernia is a typical Bolognese surname, and a Vincenzo Bernia is cited in nonmusical documents in Bologna around 1610, which may be the composer of the music here. A Bernia 'sonator di cetra' recorded at the Estense court of Ferrara in the middle of the sixteenth century is probably too early but could be a member of the same family. Two of the manuscripts are Italian, US-BEm 757 of Bologna provenance c.1615-30 and I-TRc 1947 of Trent provenance c.1610-30, the other sources originating North of the Alps, suggesting Bernia's music was known outside Italy. Besard's Novus Partus (Augsburg 1617) includes three pieces by Bernia, a toccata, a recercar (following the toccata and ascribed dell'istesso, i.e. Bernia too) and Gallus et Gallina imitating the sound of a hen and cock.3 The toccata is anon in Mylius' Thesaurus Gratiarum (Frankfurt 1622) and the Rettenwertt MS (CZ.Pnm IV.G.8) from Saltzburg, dated 1623 and 1637, and the recercar was copied into CH-Bfenyves from Bavaria c.1627. The theme is the hexachord (ut re mi fa sol la), appearing at least fifteen times. No 13 is based on the song Madre mia non mi far monaca, used for sets of lute and keyboard variations and usually titled La Monica. Two pieces ascribed by name or initials are in D-B 4022 from Danzig £1615-20, and the galliarda in the Wurstisen manuscript (CH-Bu F.IX.70) from Basel, dated 1591 and 1594, could be an early work by Bernia.4 Vicenzo Bernia's surviving music is attractive and includes Italian Balletto, as well as French Branle, Volte and Courantes. John H. Robinson, April 2013

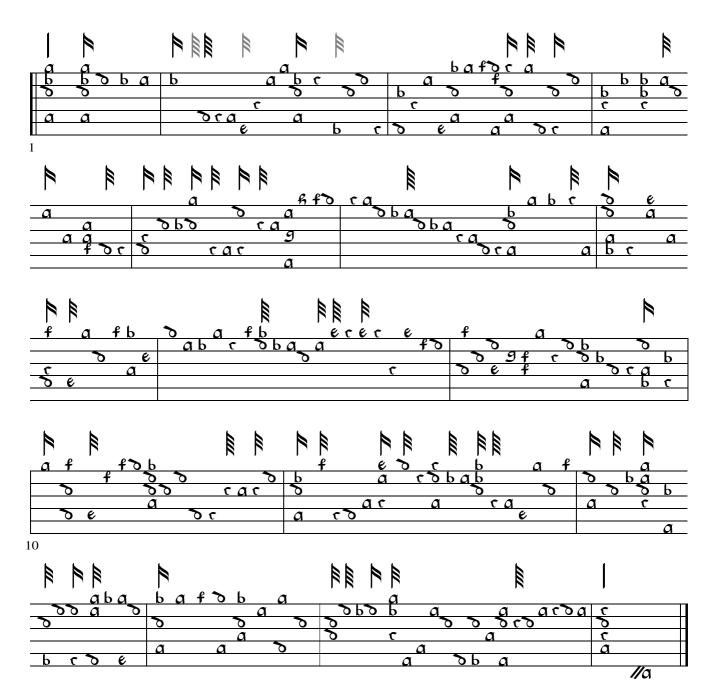
University of California, Berkeley; 6-7 - double changed to single bar line; 15-16 - double changed to single bar line; 16/1 - semibreve absent; 16/1-2 double bar line absent; 17/3 - minim absent; 18/2-3 - g2-f2 changed to g3-f3; 20 - crotchet minim changed to dotted minim crotchet minim; 22/3 - minim absent; 23/3 - minim not crotchet; 25/1 - a1 absent; 26/3 - minim added in original; 29/1 - minim a note to the left; 31-32 - one bar of 3 minims changed to 2 bars of semibreve minim fermata. 4b. 7F; none of the dots are visible for the dotted rhythm signs; 3/1 - minim changed to semibreve; 10/1, 12/1 & 22/1 - semibreves changed to dotted minims; 16/1 - semibreve absent; 16/1-2 - double bar line absent; 17/3 - minim absent; 19/2 - crotchet changed to minim; 23/1 - f3 changed to d3; 23 - minim crotchet changed to semibreve minim; 24/1-2 - double bar line absent; 25/1 - a1 absent; 27/1 - crotchet changed to dotted minim; 27/3 - semibreve changed to minim; 29/1 - minim a note to the left; 31-32 - one bar of 3 minims changed to 2 bars of semibreve minim fermata. 5a. 6-course lute; double bar lines absent; 1/1 - crotchet changed to minim; 4/1 - minim changed to dotted minim; 5/1-2 - crotchet quaver changed to minim crotchet; 7/1 - crotchet 2 notes to the right; 8/1, 16/1, 24/1, 32/1 & 60/1 - minims changed to semibreves; 9-10, 38-39, 41-42, 51-52, & 54-55 - bar lines absent; 14/1, 15/3, 46/1, 52/1 & 64/1 - minims absent; 17/1 & 33/1 - quaver changed to crotchet; 23/1 & 59/1 - c2 changed to c4; 28/1, 35/2 & 37/2 - crotchets absent; 30/6 - crotchet a note to the right; 31 - crotchet quaver 2 crotchets quaver crotchet changed to 2 quavers crotchet 2 quavers crotchet; 31/3-4 - bar line added in original; 43/2 - e3 changed to e4; 48/1 - semibreve absent; between 48-49 - 2 bars [same as bars 56 & 58] crossed out; 49/1 - minim a note to the right; 49/2 & 55/1- minim changed to crotchet: 68-72 - inserted from stave below. 5b. 6-course lute: double bar lines absent; 2/1 - crotchet changed to dotted crotchet; 12/4 - a4 changed to a3; 14/3 - a2 changed to $a3;\ 17/2\text{--}3\ \&\ 18/2\text{--}3$ - minim crotchet changed to 2crotchets; 29/1 - fermata absent. 6a. 7F; double bar lines absent; 4/5 - a2 changed to a1; 8/3 & 16/3 - quaver a note to the right; 12/between 5-6 - f1-f1d1-c1 crossed out; 22/7 - a6 changed to a5; 24/3 - fermata absent. 6b. 7F; double bar lines absent; 4/5 - a2 changed to a1; 6/2 - a7 absent; 8/3 & 16/3 quaver a note to the right; 22/7 - a6 changed to a5; 22-23 - copying is contiguous but next 11 bars seems unrelated and are different to final 2 bars of 6a; 23/1 - b2 changed to a2; 24/2 - crotchet absent; 32-33 - double changed to single bar line. 7. 7F; rhythm signs double length in original and none of the dots are visible for the dotted rhythm signs; 7 - d1-c1 added between 1-4; 9/2 minim changed to crotchet; 10/1, 12/1 - semibreve changed to dotted crotchet; 14/1 - a6 changed to a7; 16/1-2 - crotchet quaver when the rest of rhythm signs are double the length; 17/1 & 18/1 - crotchets when the rest of the rhythm signs are double the length; 22/1 - semibreve changed to dotted crotchet; 27/1 & 33/1 - minims instead of semibreves, retained as minims; 30/3 - rhythm sign absent; 31 - rhythm signs absent; 38/5 - rhythm sign 2 notes to the left; 39-40 rhythm signs absent. 8. 7F, 10th in C; 6/5 - d3 absent; 8/6 & 12/5 - crotchet absent; 8-9 - single changed to double bar line; 9/5 - a1 absent; 10/6 - d1a2 changed to d2a3; 15/2 - crotchet changed to quaver. 9. 7F; all rhythm signs and double bar lines absent; 5/before 1 - illegible chord crossed out; 9-10 & 13-14 - bar lines absent; 25/1 - a1 absent c4 added. 10. 7F; all rhythm signs and double bar lines absent; 6/5 - b5 added in original; 12/5 b4 absent; 20/5 - b3a4 changed to a1c3. 11. 7F; double bar lines absent and none of the dots are visible for the dotted rhythm signs; 3 - semibreve minim changed to minim crotchet; 4/1 - minim changed to crotchet; 17-18 - bar line absent; 19 - semibreve changed to dotted minim; 21/1 - minim changed to crotchet; 23/3-4 - a3-b3 changed to b3-d3. 12. 7F, 10th in C; double bar lines absent; 6/3 - e2 changed to e2; 23/3 - a8 changed to a10; 63/1 - fermata absent. 13. 7F; double bar lines absent; -1/1, 20/1, 28/1, 32/1, 33/5, 35/1 & 36/1 - minim changed to crotchet; 1/1 - quaver added in original; 6/1 & 18/4 crotchet absent; 19/1 - d2 crossed out; 19/5 - d3 changed to e3; 22/1 & 25/1 crotchets changed to dotted crotchets; 23-24 & 38-39 - bar line absent; 24/5 c2 changed to b2; 27/1 - dotted minim changed to dotted crotchet; 29/1 crotchet changed to quaver; 30/1 & 37/1 - quaver absent; 33/4 - d1d4 changed to g1; 39/6 - a1 changed to b1; 48/1 - c1 absent. 14. 7F 8E flat 10C; 8 - 2 bars of 2 crotchets dotted minim changed to one bar of 3 crotchets8/1 - b6 absent; 9/1, 23/3, 24/1, 32/1 - crotchets absent; 10-11, 15-16, 27-28 - bar lines absent; 19/2 - quaver changed to dotted crotchet; 28/3 - a8 changed to a10; 31/1 minim changed to crotchet; 38/1 - quaver absent; 40/3 - crotchet changed to dotted crotchet. 15. 6-course lute; double bar lines absent; 7/7 - a3 changed to d3; 11/7-10 - e3-c3-c2-e2 changed to e2-c2-a2-c2; 15/10 - a2 changed to a3; 22/between 5-6 - d1 crossed out; 23/3 - minim crossed out; 33-34 & 38-39 bar lines absent; 38/2 - c6 changed to a6. 16. 7F 10C; 11/4 - quaver a note to the left; 33/4 - crotchet changed to quaver; 39/4 - f1 absent.

- ² I am inbedted to Franco Pavan for his generous help, for all the biographical information, and copies of music by V.B in I-TRc 1947.
- ³ Played online by Oleg Timofeyev at http://www.stockmusicsite.com/ stockmusic/composer/sounds.cfm/composer_iid.67
- ⁴ Credited to Valentin Bakfark in the published inventory by Christian Meyer, but absent from the Bakfark *Opera Omnia*. A fantasia ascribed 'V.B.' in D-DEl BB 12150 (*c*.1580), ff. 54v-55v, anon in PL-Kj 40598 (*c*.1570-75), ff. 5v-6r, is not included in the Bakfark *Opera Omnia*, but the sources predate Bernia.

¹ Commentary: 1a. 10th course in C; 1st bar 2nd note/chord [viz. 1/2] crotchet changed to quaver; 2/1-4 - dotted crotchet 3 quavers changed to crotchet 4 quavers; 5/1 - crotchet a note to the left; 28/1 - fermata changed to minim; 28/2 - fermata absent. 1b. 9C; 2/1-4 - dotted crotchet 3 quavers changed to crotchet 4 quavers; 2/5 - quaver a note to the right; 2/11 - quaver 4 notes to the right; $13/\overline{7}$ - quaver changed to crotchet; 13-14 - bar line 8 notes to the right; 14-15 - bar line absent. 1c. 7th course in F and 10th in C; 2/1-4 dotted crotchet 3 quavers changed to crotchet 4 quavers; 2/5 - quaver a note to the right; 28/2 - fermata absent; 29-31 - added in a different hand; 29/1 & 31/1 - dotted crotchet changed to crotchet; 29/4 - crotchet absent; 30/8 semiquaver absent; 31/12 - fermata absent. 2. 7F 8 Eflat, 9 D 10 C; 10-11 - bar line absent; 24/1 - a8 added in original; 55/1-2 - h1d2 changed to h1-d2; 62/5 e2 changed to f2; 79/3 - c1 changed to d1; 99/5 - b1 changed to b2. 3. 7F; 2/1 - f1 changed to d1; 6/4 - d6 absent; 7/1 - a5 absent; 8/1 - a1 absent; 9/3-4 double bar line absent; 10 - rhythm signs absent; 13/1-2 - crotchet quaver changed to minim crotchet; 14/4 - a1 absent; 16/6 - a4 changed to c4; 17/7 minim changed to crotchet; 18/3 - fermata absent. 4a. 7F; none of the dots are visible for the dotted rhythm signs on the microfilm I bought from the

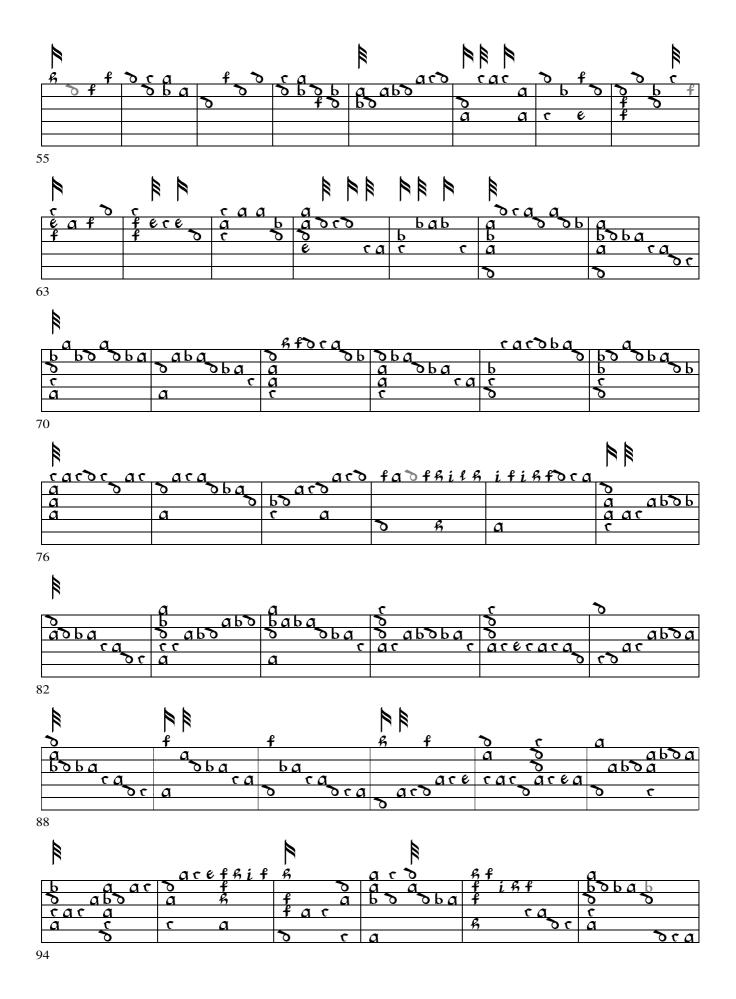


1b. Toccada Mylius 1622, p. 21





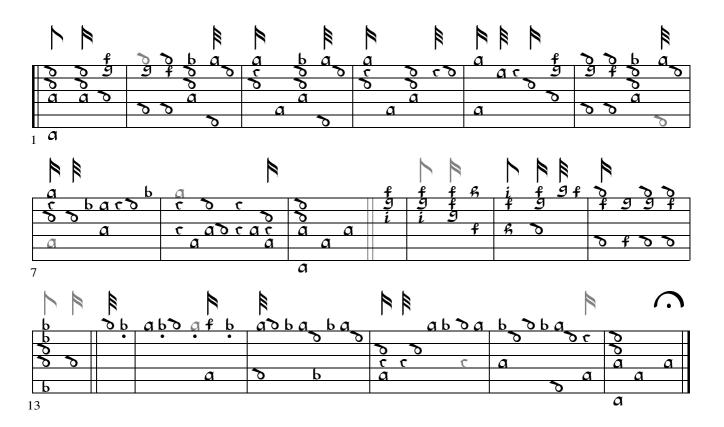


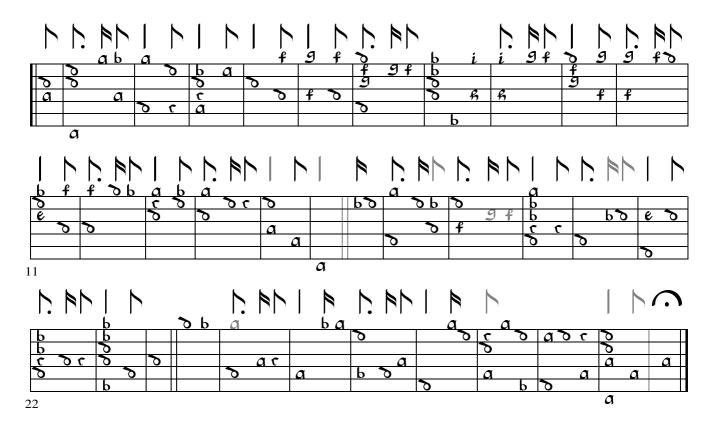




3. Baletto del Bernia - A9B4C5

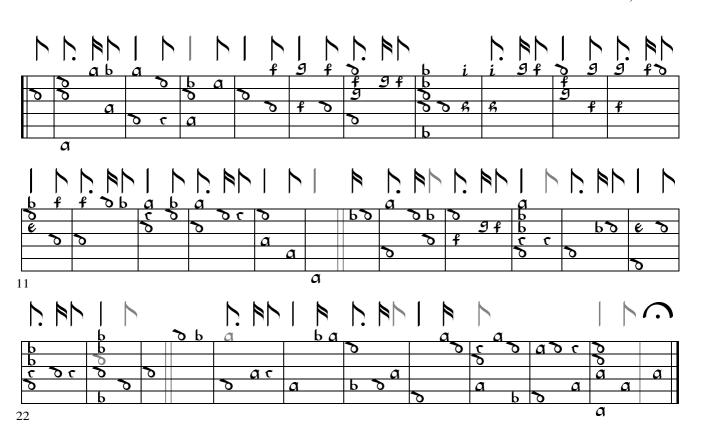
US-BEm 757, f. 22r





4b. Baletto - A16B8C8

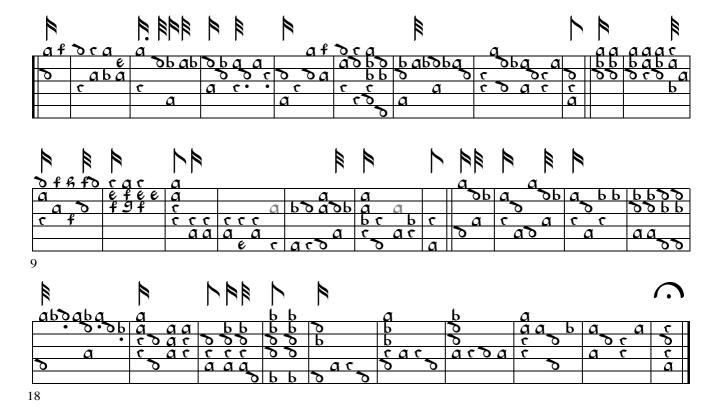
US-BEm 757, f. 15v





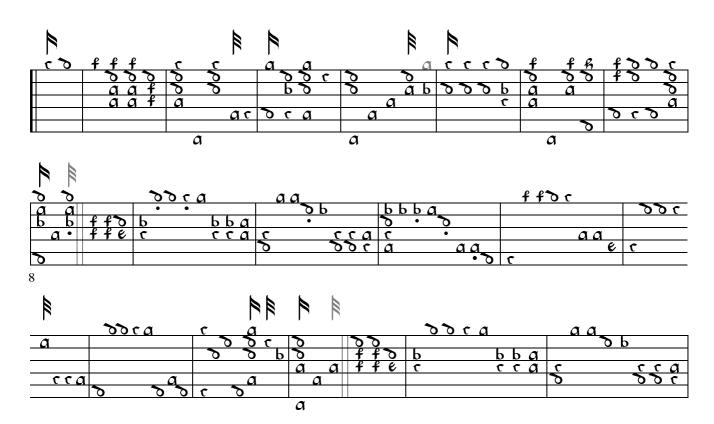
5b. Uno Baletto - A8B8C13

US-BEm 757, f. 30r



6a. Baletto del Bernia - A8BB8

US-BEm 757, f. 28r





6b. Baletto - A8BB8

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US-BEm 757, ff. 13v-14r

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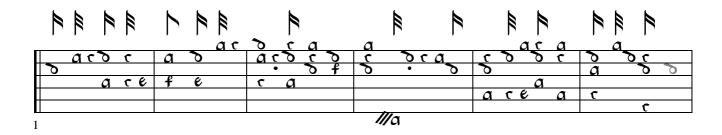
7. Baletto in Corrente del Bernia - A16B8CC8

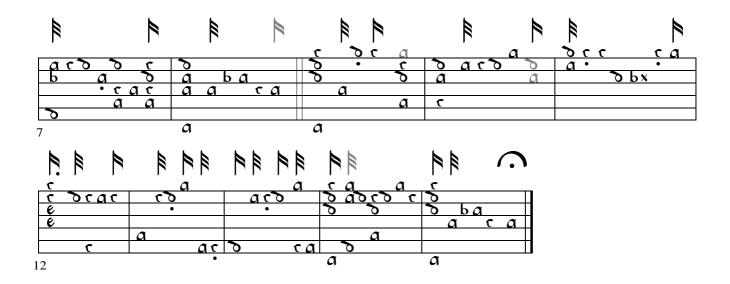
US-BEm 757, f. 24v



8. Baletto V. B. - A8B8

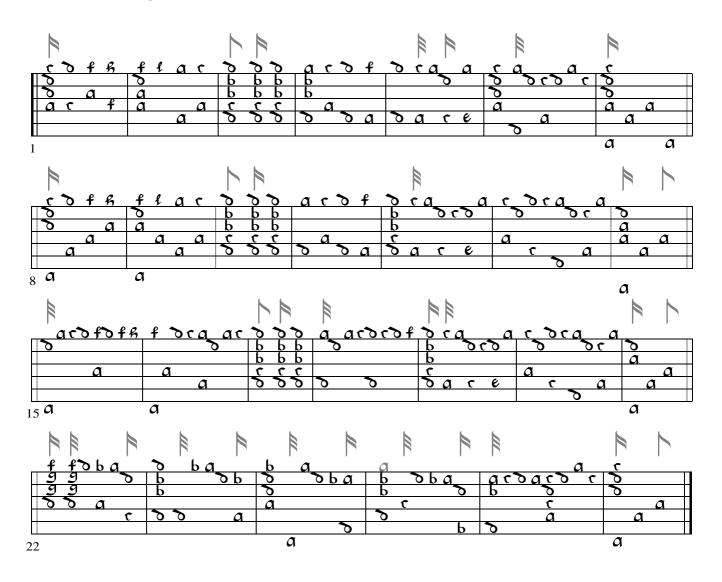
I-TRc 1947, f. 7r





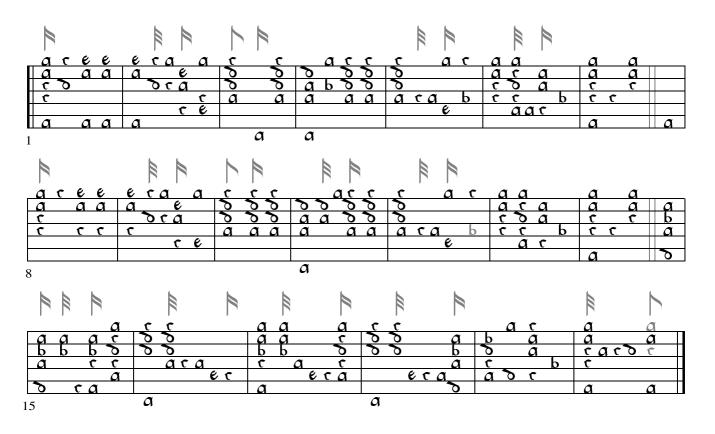
9. Baletto del Sig. V. B. - AAA7B6

I-TRc 1947, ff. 19v-20r



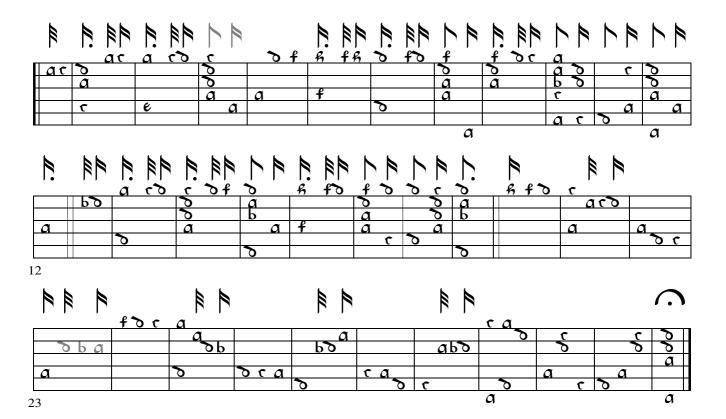
10. Baletto del Sig. V. B. - AA7B6

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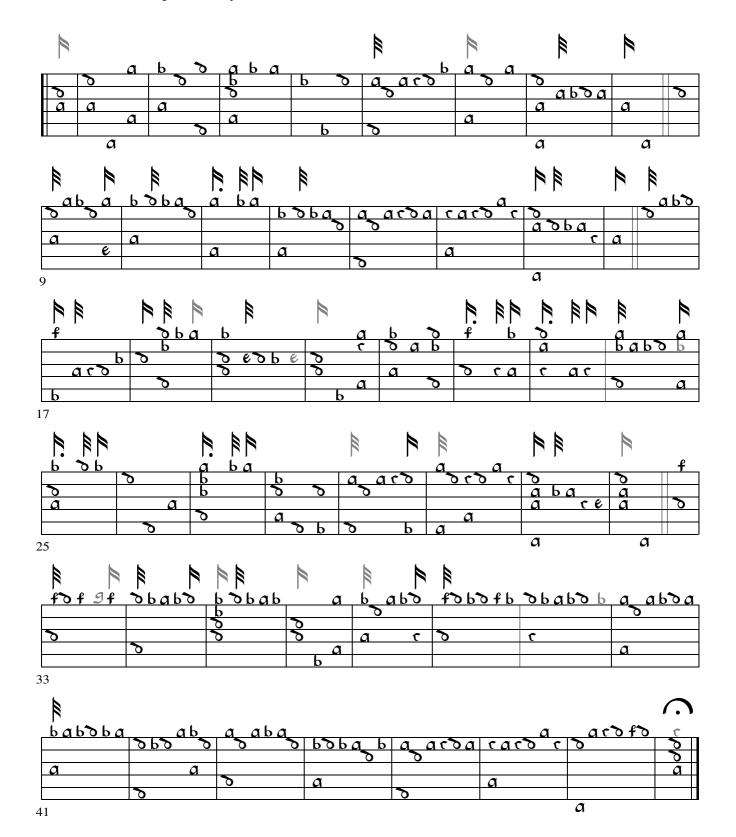


11. Corente del Bernia - A12B7C14

US-BEm 757, f. 21v





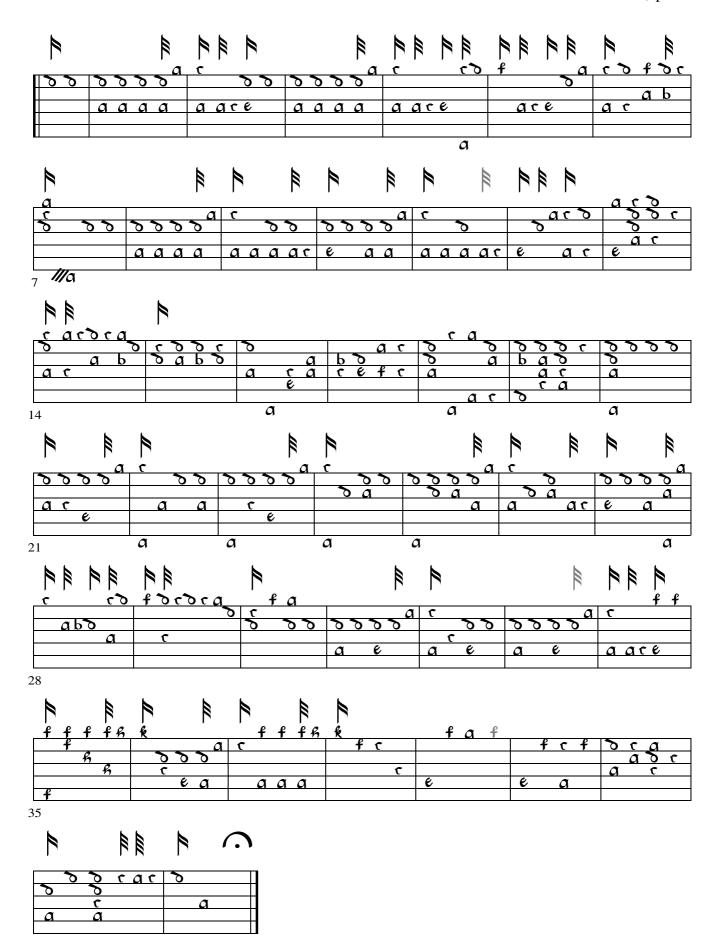


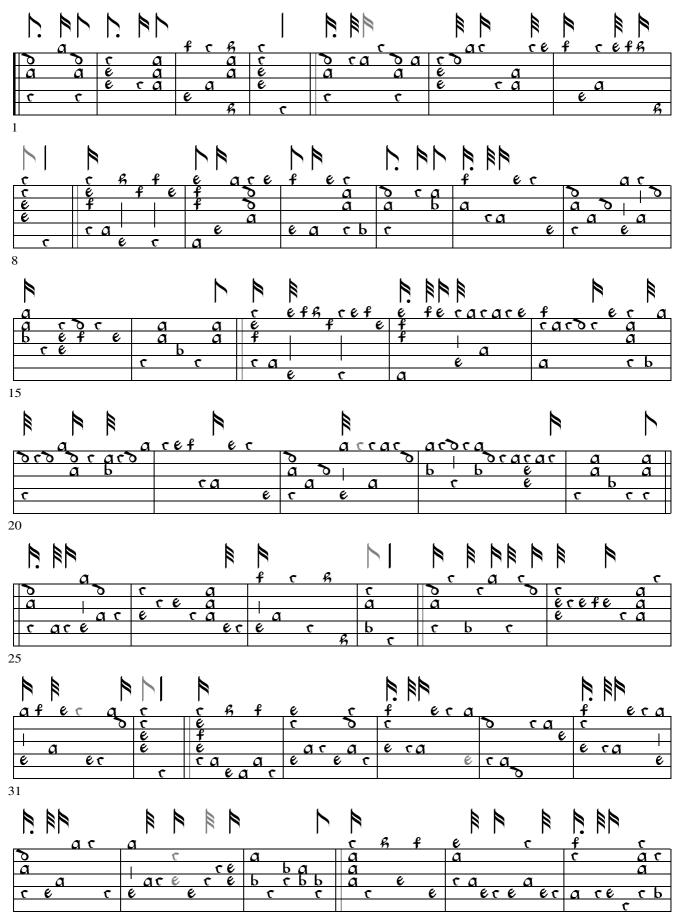
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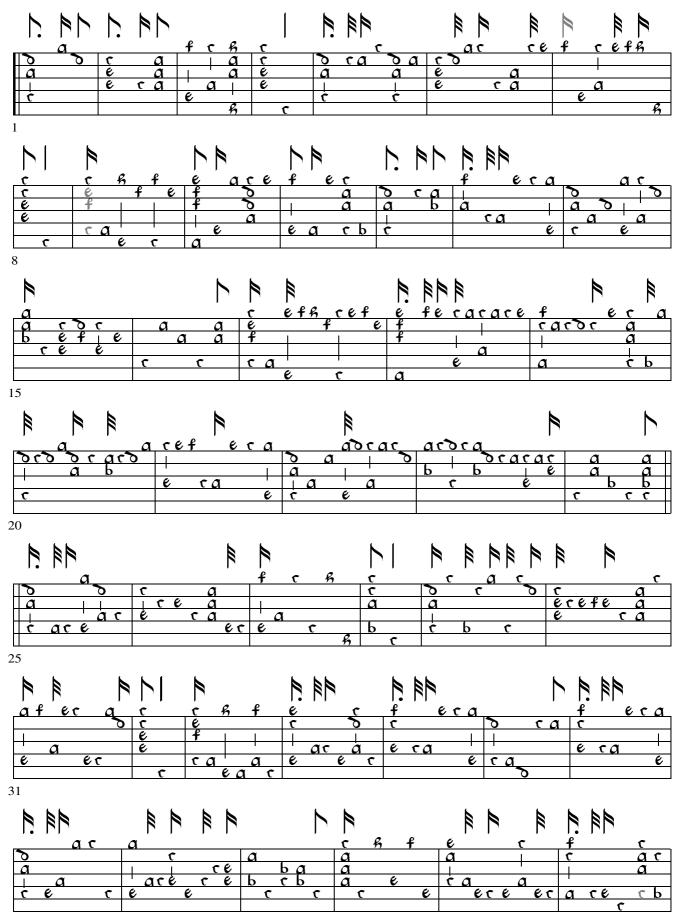




App. 1. Robin hood is to the greenwood gone

IRL-Dtc 408 II, p. 113

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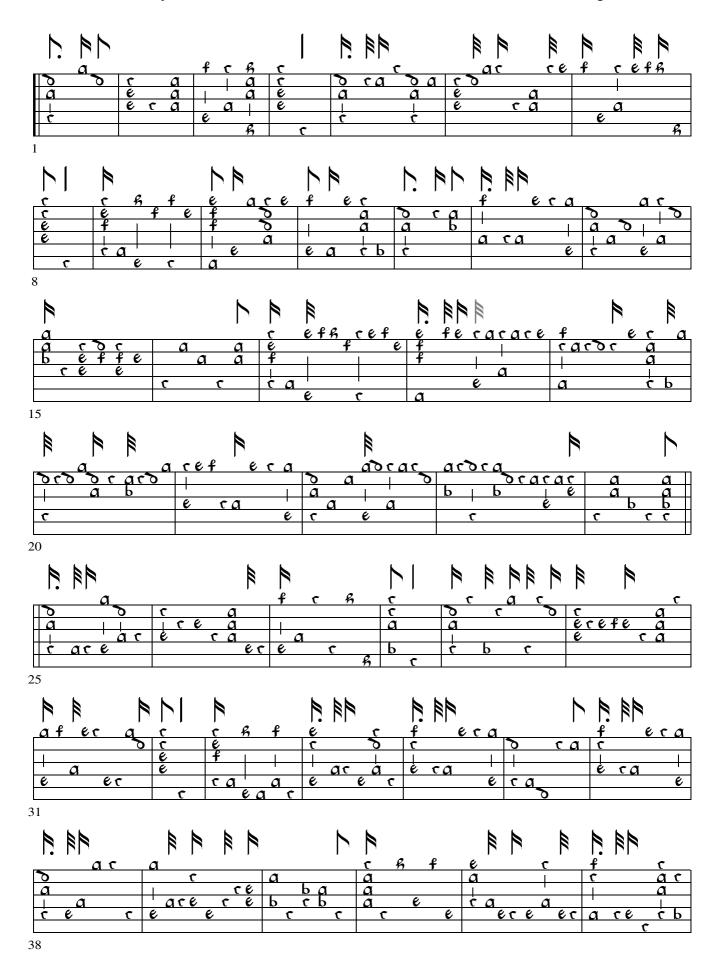




App. 2. Robin Hoode

GB-Cu Add.2764-2, f. 12r

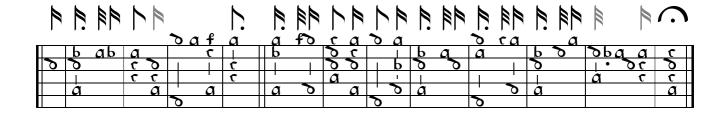






App. 3. Bonny sweete Robin

GB-Lam 601, f. 8r







App. 4. untitled

D-Ngm 33748 I, f. 52r ii



Music supplement to Lute News 106: Complete settings of lute solos by John Dowland part 7: Variations on Robin is to the green wood gone [70]

Worklist

JD70. Robin is to the green wood gone¹

- a. GB-Cu Dd.9.33, ff. 29v-30r Robin Jo Dowland
 - DowlandCLM 702
- b. GB-Lbl Eg.2046, f. 22v Sweet Robyne
- c. GB-Lbl Eg.2046, f. 35r Sweet Robyhn
- **d.** Fuhrmann 1615, pp. 114-115 *Galliarda 6*. [header: *Galliarda J. D. 6*.]

Appendix³

- 1. IRL-Dtc 408/II, p. 113 Robin hood is to the greenwood gone
- 2. GB-Cu Add.2764(2), f. 12r Hoode:
- 3. GB-Lam 601, f. 8r Bonny sweete Robin
- 4. D-Ngm 33748 I, f. 52r ii untitled

The tune known as Robin, Robin Hood, Bonny Sweet Robin or Robin is to the green wood gone is presumed to have been popular in the sixteenth century going by the number of settings for lute or other instruments. A number of ballads about Robin Hood are known, but it is not clear which text is intended to be accompanied by this particular tune. However, in Shakespeare's Hamlet, Ophelia quotes 'For Bonny sweet Robin is all my joy' (Act IV Scene 5 line 182 in Alexander text) which fits bars 1-4 and 13-16 of this tune. However, Sternfeld has suggested an alternative text, a verse of 'In Sherwood lived stout Robin Hood', no 19 in Robert Jones Fourth Book of Airs of 1609, which also fits the tune:

Hey jolly robin, Ho jolly robin Hey jolly Robin Hood Love finds out me as well as thee To follow me, follow me to the greenwood.

Four very similar versions of John Dowland's variations on this tune are known, three in English manuscripts and one in Fuhrmann's continental print of 1615.6 All the other settings for this and a number of other tunes with Robin in the title, for lute, bandora, cittern and lyra viol, are included in the Lutezine accompanying this Lute News. Four of these are anonymous one stave settings, two in D minor and two in C minor, duplicated here as page fillers (appendices 1-4). Dowland's variations comprise three sections of 24 bars, which Poulton subdivided editorially into two 4 bar A strains, and two 8 bar B strains. Versions a-c are closely concordant throughout and lack ornaments and playing indications such as fingering dots, except for vertical ties: versions b and c have more or less all the vertical ties found in a with many more added. Also the tablature for version **b** is almost identical to **c**. with only 5 or so minor differences, whereas b and c have 35 or so subtle differences to a (the version used in DowlandCLM), many of which are true variants whereas others are probably errors. In a few places notes are added to complete melodic runs absent in the 'standard text' of a, giving a more satisfactory reading.7 Poulton considered the version in Fuhrmann (d) to be 'extremely innacurate' in which 'A number of bars have been introduced which are in neither [other version]', but it is concordant with a except for around 48 subtle differences, including variants and errors some of which are shared with b/c, and it is useful to have a setting with an added 7th course in D when a-c are for 6-course lute. The only serious corrupt readings are the omission of bar 33, apparent misreading of bars 51-52, and the reversal of bars 49-52 and 53-56, which might explain why Poulton thought bars had been added.

¹ Critical commentary: a. 6-course lute; 24-25 is the only double bar line in the original, but double bar lines added here at 4-5, 8-9, 16-17, 28-29, 32-33, 40-41, 48-49, 52-53, 56-57 & 64-65 to show the three 24-bar sections each with 4/4/8/8 bar subsections, as in DowlandCLM except that 28-29 & 32-33 are omitted in the latter; bar 2 - no rhythm signs, but the scribe Mathew Holmes placed a dot above the c4 implying the rhythm of dotted minim - crotchet minim as adopted in DowlandCLM; 5/3 - crotchet absent and added in DowlandCLM; 8/1, 28/1, 32/1, 52/1 - minim absent, added in DowlandCLM; 21/1 - e4 added in DowlandCLM; 22/5 c1 changed to d1 in DowlandCLM; 28/1 - c1 added in DowlandCLM as in b-d; 31/5 - g1 changed to c1 as in DowlandCLM and b,c&d; 35/1-2, 37/1-2 and 38/1-2 - no rhythm signs in these bars, but a dot above the c4 implies the rhythm dotted crotchet - quaver as in DowlandCLM; 35/6 - e5 absent; 39/4 - c2-e4 changed to c2e4 as in DowlandCLM; 39/6 - quaver absent, added in DowlandCLM; 53/5 - crotchet changed to quaver; 55/2 - d2 added, omitted in DowlandCLM; 56/1 - semibreve changed to minim; 56/2 - semibreve c6 absent, added in Dowland CLM; 66/2 - a3 added; 67/1 - d2 changed to c2, not noted in DowlandCLM; 68/4 - crotchet absent, added in DowlandCLM. b. 6-course lute; double bar lines only between 24-bar sections as in original; 7/1-2 - quavers changed to crotchets; 9/1 - c2e3f4 changed to e2f3c5; 10/3-4 - bar line added; 43/5 - scribe crossed out c6 and added c5. c. 6-course lute; 48-49 - single changed to double bar line; 18/4-5 - crotchets changed to quavers; 18/5-6 bar line added; 22/6 - a5 added; 25/3-4 - e5 inserted; 44/3 - a3 added with vertical line through it. d. 8th course in D - could also play on lute with 7th course in D; double bar lines added at bars 28-29, 32-33 and 56-57 in the original; 7/7 - a7 changed to a8; 9/4 - h2 instead of f2; 17/10 - c2 instead of e2; 20/5 - crotchet displaced a note to the left; 23/3 - a1 instead of d1; 24/4-5 - minim a2a3a8 shortening bar by a crotchet instead of crotchet a8 minim a2a3; 28/1 - a2 and b4 instead of c2 and b5; 33- bar absent; 36/5 minim absent; 38/1 - e5 instead of c5; 45/1 - h1 instead of f1; 48 -4 minims - semibreve instead of 4 crotchets - minim; 50/8 - a2 obscured; 51-52 reading corrupted.

- ² DowlandCLM Diana Poulton and Basil Lam (eds.) The Collected Lute Music of John Dowland (London, Faber, 1974, reprinted 1978 & 1981), pp. 218-221.
- ³ Critical commentary: **1.** 6-course lute; no changes. **2.** 6-course lute; grey notes and rhythm signs reconstructed as obscured by damage to the fragmentary source. **3.** 6-course lute; 1-2 and 11-12 bar lines absent; 11-12 rhythm signs absent. **4.** 7th course in F; 11/3 quaver changed to semiquaver.
- ⁴ Claude M. Simpson *The British Broadside Ballad and Its Music* (New Jersey, Rutgers University Press, 1966), pp. 59-64 'Bonny Sweet Robin, or My Robin Is to the Greenwood Gone'.
- ⁵ Fred. W. Sternfeld *Music in Shakespearean Tragedy* (London 1963), pp. 68-78, which also includes a list of 30 sources of the tunes.
- 6 Sources: GB-Cu Dd.9.33 Cambridge University Library, Dd.9.33, α.1600; GB-Lbl Eg.2046 – London, British Library, Egerton MS 2046, Jane Pickeringe lute book, α.1616-50, facsimile: Clarabricken, Boethius Press, 1985; Fuhrmann 1615 – Georg Leopold Fuhrmann, Testudo Gallo-Germanica (Nürnberg, 1615), facsimile, Lübeck, Tree Edition, 2003; IRL-Dtc 408/II – Dublin, Trinity College Library, MS 408/II, pp. 76-113, α.1605; GB-Cu Add.2764(2) – Cambridge, University Library, Add. 2764(2), α.1585-1590; GB-Lam 601 – London, Royal Academy of Music, MS 601, Richard Mynshall lute book, α.1597-9, facsimile, Leeds, Boethius Press, 1975; D-Ngm 33748 I – Nürnberg, Germanisches Nationalmuseum, Ms. 33748.I, α.1615-20, facsimile and modern edition in 5 vols, Hofheim am Taunus, Friedrich Hofmeister, 1980.
- ⁷ Examples are: 13/6 a1; 21/1 e4; 21/8 a1; and 62/6 a1.
- 8 Diana Poulton John Dowland (London, Faber, 1972/R1982), pp. 174-175, and see the critical commentary.