

Alas, what a wretched life is this!

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Canto

Alto

Tenor

Basso

A - las, what a wretch - ed life

A - las, what a wretch - ed life

A - las, what a wretch - ed life

A - las, what a wretch - ed

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is this! Nay, what a death, nay, what a death,

is this! Nay, what a death, nay, what a death,

is this! Nay, what a death, a death, Where the ty -

life is this! Nay, what a death, a death, Where the ty -

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Where the ty - rant love com - mand - eth.

Where the ty - rant love com - mand - eth. De -

rant love com - mand - eth. My flow'r - ing days are in their

rant love com - mand - eth. My flow'r - ing days are in their

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All my proud hope, all_

clin - - - ing, All_ my proud hope, all_

8 prime de- clin - - - ing, All_ my proud hope, all_

prime de - clin - - - ing, All my proud hope

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_ my proud hope quite fall'n, and_ life_ un - twin - -

_ my proud hope quite fall'n, and_ life un - twin - -

8 _ my proud hope quite fall'n, and life_ un - twin - ing;

quite fall'n, and_ life_ un - twin - - -

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ing; My_ joys each af-ter oth - er in haste are fly - ing,

ing; My joys_ each af-ter oth - er, my_ joys each af - ter oth -

8 My_ joys_ each af - ter oth - er in haste are fly - ing, my joys each af-ter

ing; My joys each af-ter oth - er in haste are fly - ing, my joys each af - ter oth - er in

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in haste are fly - ing, And leave my heart dy - ing. For

er in haste are fly - ing, And leave my heart dy - ing. For

oth - er in haste are fly - ing, And leave my heart dy - ing For

haste are fly - ing, And leave my heart dy - ing For

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Oh she from hence de - parts, my

Oh she from hence de - parts, My

her that scorns my cry - ing. Oh she from hence de - parts, my

her that scorns my cry - ing. My

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love re - frain - ing, For whom all heart - less,

love re - frain - ing, For

love re - frain - ing, For whom all heart - less, a - las,

love re - frain - ing,

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a - las, for whom all heart - less, a - - - las, _____

whom all heart - less, a - las, for whom all heart - less, a - las, for

I die com - plain - - ing, I

I die com - plain - - ing, For whom all heart - less,

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for whom all heart - less, a - las, for whom all

whom all heart - less, a - las I die com - plain -

die com - plain - ing, for whom all heart - less, a - las, for

a - las, for whom all heart - less, a - las, I _____

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heart - less, a - las, I _____ die _____ com - plain - ing.

ing, _____ I die com - plain - ing.

whom all heart - less, a - las, I die com - plain - ing.

_____ die _____ com - - - plain - ing.