

There was a rich merc - hant - man, That was both grave and wise, He

This block contains the first line of a musical score. It features a treble and bass staff in 6/8 time. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and contains the melody for the first line. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

kill'd a man in Ath - ens town, Great quar - rels there did a - - rise.

This block contains the second line of the musical score. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The treble staff ends with a double bar line, while the bass staff continues for a few more measures. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.