



Love and beauty

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Pretty twinkling starry eyes!
How did Nature first devise
Such a sparkling in your sight
As to give Love such delight
As to make him, like a fly,
Play with looks until he die?

Sure ye were not made at first
For such mischief to be curst,
As to kill affection's care
That doth only truth declare.
Where worth's wonders never wither
Love and Beauty live together.

Blessed eyes! then give your blessing
That, in passion's best expressing,
Love, that only lives to grace ye,
May not suffer pride deface ye;
But in gentle thought's directions,
Show the praise* of your perfections.

Nicholas Breton (also Britton or Brittain) (1545-1626)
1903 Novello publication attributes verse to:
Robert Greene (1560-1592)

* 1903 Novello publication uses "Show the power."

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Andante moderato

S *p* Pret - ty twink - ling star - ry eyes! How did Na - ture

A *p* Pret - ty twink - ling star - ry eyes! How did Na - ture

T *p* Pret - ty twink - ling star - ry eyes! How did Na - ture

B *p* Pret - - - ty eyes! How did Na - ture

4 S *cresc.* first de - vise Such a spark - ling in your sight As to

A *cresc.* first de - vise Such a spark - ling in your sight As to

T *cresc.* first de - vise Such a spark - ling in your sight As to

B *cresc.* first de - vise Such a spark - ling in your sight As to

7 S *f* give Love such de - light As to make him, like a

A *f* give Love such de - light As to make him, like a

T *f* give Love such de - light As to make him, like a

B *f* give Love such de - light As to make him, like a

10

S fly, Play with looks un - til he die? As to make

A fly, Play with looks un - til he die? As to make

T fly, Play with looks un - til he die? As to make

B a fly, As to make

cresc. *mf*

13

S him, like a fly, Play with looks

A him, like a fly, Play with looks

T him like a fly, Play with looks, with

B him like a fly, Play with looks, with

16

S un - til he die? Pret - ty

A un - til he die?

T looks un - til he die? Pret - ty

B looks un - til he die?

p *pp* *p*

20

S twink - ling star - ry eyes, pret - ty twink - ling

A Pret - ty twink - ling star - ry eyes,

T twink - ling star - ry

B Pret - ty twink - ling star - ry eyes,

23

S star - ry eyes, How did Na - ture first de - vise Such a

A How did Na - ture first de - vise Such a spark - ling

T eyes, How did Na - ture first de - vise Such a

B How did Na - ture first de - vise Such a

26

S spark - ling, As to give Love

A in your sight As to give Love

T spark - ling, As to give

B spark - ling, As to give Love

* During the next five bars the Soprano and Bass should be slightly prominent.

29 *rall.* *mf a tempo*

S such de - light? Sure ye were not made at

A such de - light? Sure ye were not made at

T Love such de - light? Sure ye were not made at

B such de - light? Sure ye were not made at

32 *f*

S first For such mis - chief to be curst, As to

A first For such mis - chief to be curst, As to

T first For such mis - chief to be curst, As to

B first For such mis - chief to be curst, As to

35 *mp*

S kill af - fec - tion's care That doth on - - ly

A kill af - fec - tion's care That doth on - - ly

T kill af - fec - tion's care That doth on - - ly

B kill af - fec - tion's care That doth on - - ly

38

S truth de - clare. Where worth's won - ders nev - er

A truth de - clare. Where worth's won - ders nev - er

T truth de - clare. Where worth's won - ders nev - er

B truth de - clare. Where worth's won - ders nev - er

41

S wi - ther, Love and Beau - ty live to - ge - - - ther.

A wi - ther, Love and Beau - ty live to - ge - - - ther.

T wi - ther, Love and Beau - ty live to - ge - - - ther.

B wi - ther, Love and Beau - ty live to - ge - - - ther.

46

a tempo

S Bless - ed eyes! then give your bless - ing That, in

A Bless - ed eyes! then give your bless - ing That, in

T Bless - ed eyes! then give your bless - ing That, in

B Then give your bless - ing That, in

49

S pas - sion's best ex - press - ing, Love, that on - ly lives to

A pas - sion's best ex - press - ing, Love, that on - ly lives to

T pas - sion's best ex - press - ing, Love, that on - ly lives to

B pas - sion's best ex - press - ing, Love, that on - ly lives to

52

S grace ye, May not suf - fer pride de - face

A grace ye, May not suf - fer pride de -

T grace ye, May not suf - fer pride de -

B grace ye, May not suf - - - - fer pride de -

mf *poco rall. e dim.*

55

S ye; But in gen - tle thought's di - rec - tions, Show the

A face ye; But in gen - tle thought's di - rec - tions, Show the

T face ye; But in gen - tle thought's di - rec - tions, Show the

B face ye; But in gen - tle thought's di - rec - tions, Show the

Poco più lento *p*

58 *rall.*

S praise of your per - fec - - - tions.

A praise of your per - fec - - -

T praise of your per - fec - - -

B praise of your per - fec - - -

61 *a tempo* *mf*

S Bless - ed eyes! then give your bless - ing, Show the praise of

A tions. Bless - ed eyes! then give your bless - ing, Show the praise of

T tions. Bless - ed eyes! then give your bless - ing, Show the

B tions. *mf* Bless - ed eyes! then give your bless - ing,

64

S your per - fec - tions, show the praise, the

A your per - fec - tions, show the praise, the

T praise of your per - fec - tions, show the praise,

B Show the praise of your per - fec - - - tions, show the

* During the next five bars the Soprano and Bass should be slightly prominent.

68 *rall. e dim. al fine*

S praise of your per - fec - tions, Pret -

A praise of your per - fec - tions,

T show the praise of your per - fec - tions, Pret - ty spark - ling

B praise of your per - fec - tions, Pret - ty

71 *morendo ppp*

S - - ty spark - ling star - ry eyes, pret - ty eyes!

A Pret - ty spark - ling star - ry eyes, pret - ty eyes!

T star - ry eyes, pret - ty eyes!

B spark - - - ling star spark - ry eyes, pret - ty eyes.

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