



**Blow, gentle breeze**

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Blow, blow, thou gentle breeze,  
Over the flow'ry lea!  
Blow, soft and low,  
Whisp'ring melody!

All the blossoms wait thy kiss,  
Ere their beauties they unfold;  
Surely thou wilt grant them this?  
Dearer than a gift of gold!

Blow, blow, thou gentle breeze,  
Over the meadows blow,  
Whispering 'mid the trembling trees  
Music sweet and low!

Blow, blow, thou gentle breeze,  
Over the mountain crest!  
Blow, soft and low,  
Fair from the golden west!

From the sunny lands afar,  
Where the scented myrtles grow,  
And the groves of citron are,  
Gentle breeze, O softly blow!

Blow, blow, thou gentle breeze,  
Over the meadows blow,  
Whispering 'mid the trembling trees  
Music sweet and low!

Edward Oxenford (1550-1604)  
[Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford]

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Andante

S  
A  
T  
B

Blow, \_\_\_\_\_ blow, \_\_\_\_\_  
Blow, \_\_\_\_\_ thou  
Blow, blow, thou gen - tle breeze, \_\_\_\_\_ blow, \_\_\_\_\_ blow, \_\_\_\_\_  
Blow, \_\_\_\_\_ blow, \_\_\_\_\_ thou

5  
S  
A  
T  
B

— thou gen - tle breeze, O - ver the flow - 'ry lea! \_\_\_\_\_  
gen - tle breeze, O - ver the flow - 'ry lea! \_\_\_\_\_ Blow, \_\_\_\_\_ blow,  
— thou gen - tle breeze, O - ver the flow - 'ry lea! \_\_\_\_\_ Blow, \_\_\_\_\_ blow,  
gen - tle breeze, O - ver the flow - 'ry lea! \_\_\_\_\_ Blow, \_\_\_\_\_

9  
S  
A  
T  
B

Blow, soft and low, \_\_\_\_\_ Whis - p'ring mel - o - dy!  
soft and low, \_\_\_\_\_ Whis - p'ring mel - o - dy!  
soft and low, \_\_\_\_\_ Whis - p'ring mel - o - dy!  
soft and low, \_\_\_\_\_ Whis - p'ring mel - o - dy! \_\_\_\_\_ All the

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S All the blos - soms wait thy kiss, Ere their beau - ties they un - *dim.*

A All the blos - soms wait thy kiss, Ere their beau - ties they un - *dim.*

T All the blos - soms wait thy kiss, Ere their beau - ties they un - *dim.*

B blos - - - soms wait thy kiss, Ere their beau - ties they un - *dim.*

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S fold; \_\_\_\_\_ Sure - ly thou wilt grant them *mf* *cresc.*

A fold; \_\_\_\_\_ Sure - ly thou wilt grant them *mf* *cresc.*

T fold; \_\_\_\_\_ Sure - ly thou wilt grant them this, *mf* *cresc.* wilt grant them

B fold; \_\_\_\_\_ Sure - ly thou wilt grant them this, *mf* *cresc.* wilt grant them

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S this? Dear - er than a gift of gold! \_\_\_\_\_ dear - er *ff* *f*

A this? Dear - er than a gift of gold! \_\_\_\_\_ dear - er *ff* *f*

T this? Dear - er than a gift of gold! \_\_\_\_\_ dear - er *ff* *f*

B this? \_\_\_\_\_ Dear - er than a gift of gold! \_\_\_\_\_ dear - er *ff* *f*

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S than a gift of gold! *dim.* Blow, \_\_\_\_\_ blow, \_\_\_\_\_ *mf*

A than a gift of gold! *dim.* Blow, \_\_\_\_\_ thou *mf*

T than a gift of gold! *dim.* Blow, blow, thou gen - tle breeze, *mf* blow, \_\_\_\_\_ blow, \_\_\_\_\_

B than a gift of gold! *dim.* Blow, blow, thou *mf*

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S \_\_\_\_\_ thou gen - tle breeze, *mf* O - ver the mea - dows blow, \_\_\_\_\_

A gen - tle breeze, *mf* O - ver the mea - dows blow, \_\_\_\_\_

T \_\_\_\_\_ thou gen - tle breeze, *mf* O - ver the mea - dows blow,

B gen - tle breeze, *mf* O - ver the mea - dows blow,

29

S Whis - p'ring 'mid the trem - bling trees \_\_\_\_\_ Mu - sic sweet and *pp*

A Whis - p'ring 'mid the trem - bling trees \_\_\_\_\_ Mu - sic sweet and *pp*

T Whis - p'ring 'mid the trem - bling trees \_\_\_\_\_ Mu - sic sweet and *pp*

B Whis - p'ring 'mid the trem - bling trees \_\_\_\_\_ Mu - sic sweet and *pp*

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S low, mu - sic sweet,

A low, *mp* mu - sic sweet and low,

T low, mu - sic sweet,

B low, mu - sic sweet and

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S mu - sic sweet and low.

A mu - sic sweet and low.

T mu - sic sweet and low.

B low, sweet and low.

*rall.*

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S Blow, blow, thou gen - tle breeze, blow, blow,

A Blow, thou

T Blow, blow, thou gen - tle breeze, blow, blow,

B Blow, blow, thou

*mf*





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S grow, \_\_\_\_\_ And the groves of cit - ron

A grow, \_\_\_\_\_ And the groves of cit - ron

T grow, \_\_\_\_\_ And the groves of cit - ron are, of cit - ron

B grow, \_\_\_\_\_ And the groves of cit - ron are, of cit - ron

*mf cresc.*

55

S are, Gen - tle breeze, O soft - ly blow, \_\_\_\_\_ gen - tle

A are, Gen - tle breeze, O soft - ly blow, \_\_\_\_\_ gen - tle

T are, Gen - tle breeze, O soft - ly blow, \_\_\_\_\_ gen - tle

B are, \_\_\_\_\_ Gen - tle breeze, O soft - ly blow, \_\_\_\_\_ gen - tle

*ff p f*

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S breeze, O soft - ly blow! Blow, \_\_\_\_\_

A breeze, O soft - ly blow! Blow, \_\_\_\_\_

T breeze, O soft - ly blow! Blow, blow, thou gen - tle breeze,

B breeze, O soft - ly blow! Blow,

*p dim. mf*

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S  
A  
T  
B

blow, thou gen - tle breeze, O - ver the mea - dows

blow, thou gen - tle breeze, O - ver the mea - dows

blow, blow, thou gen - tle breeze, O - ver the mea - dows

blow, thou gen - tle breeze, O - ver the mea - dows

*mf*

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S  
A  
T  
B

blow, Whis - p'ring 'mid the trem - bling trees Mu -

blow, Whis - p'ring 'mid the trem - bling trees

blow, Whis - p'ring 'mid the trem - bling trees

blow, Whis - p'ring 'mid the trem - bling trees

*p* *pp*

68

S  
A  
T  
B

- sic sweet and low! mu - sic

Mu - sic sweet and low! mu - sic sweet and

Mu - sic sweet and low! mu - sic

Mu - sic sweet and low! mu - sic

*pp* *mp* *pp*

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*rall.*

S sweet, mu - sic sweet and low!

A low, mu - sic sweet and low!

T sweet, mu - sic sweet and low!

B sweet and low, sweet and low!

*rall.*

*rall.*

*rall.*

*rall.*

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