



Six Elizabethan Pastorals [set 3]

Opus 67

No. 4

Love in Prayers

Charles Villiers Stanford

(1852-1924)

Say that I should say I love ye,
Would you say 'tis but a saying?
But if Love in prayers move ye,
Will ye not be moved with praying?

Think I think that Love should know ye,
Will you think 'tis but a thinking?
But if Love the thought do show ye,
Will ye loose your eyes with winking?

While that I do write you blessèd,
Will you write 'tis but a writing?
But if Truth and Love confess it,
Will ye doubt the true inditing?

No, I say, and think, and write it,
Write, and think, and say your pleasure;
Love, and Truth, and I indite it,
You are blessèd out of measure.

Nicholas Breton (1545-1626)

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C. V. Stanford

Allegretto cantabile ♩ = 112

S *p* Say that I should say _____ I love ye, Would you say _____

A *p* Say that I should say _____ I love ye, Would you

T *p* Say that I should say _____ I love ye, Would you

B *p* Say that I should say _____ I love ye, Would you

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S 'tis but _____ a say - ing? But if Love in prayers _____

A say 'tis but a say - ing? But if Love in prayers _____

T say 'tis but _____ a say - ing? But if Love in prayers _____

B say 'tis but _____ a say - ing? But if _____ Love in prayers _____



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S move ye, Will ye not be moved with pray - - - ing?

A move ye, Will ye not be moved with pray - - - ing?

T move ye, Will ye not be moved with pray - - - ing?

B move ye, Will ye not be moved with pray - - - ing?

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S Think I think that Love should know ye, Will you

A Think I think that Love should know ye, Will you think 'tis

T Think I think that Love should know ye, Will you think 'tis

B Think I think that Love should know ye, Will you

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S think 'tis but a think - ing? But if Love the thought do

A but a think - ing? But if Love the thought do

T but a think - ing? But if Love the thought do

B think 'tis but a think - ing? But if Love the thought do

cresc.

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S *dim.* *p*
 show ye, Will ye loose your eyes with wink - - - ing?

A *p*
 show ye, Will ye loose your eyes with wink - ing?

T *p*
 show ye, Will ye loose your eyes with wink - ing?

B *p*
 show ye, Will ye loose your eyes with wink - ing?

25 *p*
 S While that I do write _____ you bless - èd, Will you write _____

A *p*
 While that I do write _____ you bless - èd, Will you

T *p*
 While that I do write _____ you bless - èd, Will you

B *p*
 While that I do write _____ you bless - èd, Will you

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 S _____ 'tis but _____ a writ - ing? But if Truth and Love _____ con -

A
 write 'tis but _____ a writ - ing? But if Truth and Love _____ con -

T
 write 'tis but _____ a writ - ing? But if Truth and Love _____ con -

B
 write 'tis but _____ a writ - ing? But if _____ Truth and Love _____ con -

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S fess it, Will ye doubt the true in - di - - - ting?

A fess it, Will ye doubt the true in - di - - - ting?

T fess it, Will ye doubt the true in - di - - - ting?

B fess it, Will ye doubt the true in - di - - - ting?

38 *animato*

S No, I say, and think, and write ___ it,

A No, I say, and think, and write it,

T No, I say, and think, I and write it,

B No, I say, and think, I and write ___ it,

42 *dim.*

S Write, and think, and say ___ your plea - sure;

A Write, and think, ___ and say ___ your plea - sure;

T Write, and think, ___ and say ___ your plea - sure;

B Write, and think, and say your plea - sure;

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46 *cresc.*

S Love, _____ and Truth, _____ and I _____ in - dite it,

A Love, and Truth, and I in - dite it,

T Love, _____ and Truth, _____ and I in - dite it,

B Love, and Truth, and I in - dite it,

50 *più lento* *ff*

S You are bless - èd, bless - èd out _____ of mea - sure.

A You are bless - èd, bless - èd out of mea - sure.

T You are bless - èd, bless - èd out _____ of mea - sure.

B You are bless - èd, bless - èd out _____ of mea - sure.

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