



First shall the heavens  
want starry light

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MONTANUS' FANCY

First shall the heavens want starry light,  
The seas be robbed of their waves;  
The day want sun, and sun want bright,  
The night want shade, the dead men graves;  
The April flowers, and leaf, and tree,  
Before I false my faith to thee.

First direful hate shall turn to peace,  
And love relent in deep disdain;  
And death his fatal stroke shall cease,  
And envy pity every pain;  
And pleasure mourn, and sorrow smile,  
Before I talk of any guile.

Thomas Lodge (1558-1625)

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Moderato  $\text{♩} = 66$

S

A

T

B

First shall the heav'ns want star - ry light, star - ry

5

S

A

T

B

First shall the heav'ns want star - ry light,

light, First shall the heav'ns want star - ry light,

light,

light, First shall the

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*Meno mosso, allargando*

8

S the heav'ns want star - ry light, The seas be robb'd of their

A the heav'ns want star - ry light, The seas be robb'd of their

T the heav'ns want star - ry light, The seas be robb'd of their

B heav'ns want star - ry, star - ry light, The seas be robb'd of their

*Tempo 1*

11

S waves; \_\_\_\_\_ and sun want bright, — *p dolce*

A waves; \_\_\_\_\_ The day want sun, \_\_\_\_\_ and sun want bright, The *p dolce*

T waves; \_\_\_\_\_ The day want sun, The *p dolce*

B waves; \_\_\_\_\_

14

S the dead men graves, — The day want sun, and *mf*

A night want shade, — the dead men graves, The day want sun, and *mf*

T night want shade, The day want sun, and *mf*

B The day want sun, and *mf*

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17

S *p* sun want bright, The night want shade, and the dead men graves; *pp* The *p dolce*

A *p* sun want bright, The night want shade, and the dead men graves; *pp* The *p dolce*

T *p* sun want bright, The night want shade, and the dead men graves; *pp*

B *p* sun want bright, The night want shade, and the dead men graves; *pp*

21

S *p* A - pril flow'rs, and leaf, and tree, Be - fore I false my faith to thee, The

A *p* A - pril flow'rs, and leaf, and tree, Be - fore I false my faith to thee, The

T *p* Be - fore I false my faith to thee, The

B *p* Be - fore I false my faith to thee, The

25

S *cresc.* *sempre cresc.* A - pril flow'rs, and leaf, and tree, Be - fore I false my faith to thee, *f* Be -

A *cresc.* *sempre cresc.* A - pril flow'rs, and leaf, and tree, Be - fore I false my faith to thee, *f* my

T *cresc.* *sempre cresc.* A - pril flow'rs, and leaf, and tree, Be - fore I false my faith to thee, *f* my

B *cresc.* *sempre cresc.* A - pril flow'rs, and leaf, and tree, Be - fore I false my faith to thee, *f* my

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*Un poco meno mosso*

29

S fore I false my faith to thee, my faith, my faith to thee. *rall.*

A 8: faith, my faith, my faith to thee. *rall.* First *p*

T faith, my faith, my faith to thee. *rall.* First *p*

B faith, my faith, my faith to thee. *rall.* First *p*

33

S And love re - lent in deep dis - dain; And *p*

A *con espress.* dire - ful hate shall turn to peace, And love re - lent in deep dis - dain; And *p*

T *con espress.* dire - ful hate shall turn to peace, And love re - lent in deep dis - dain; And *p*

B *con espress.* dire - ful hate shall turn to peace, And *p*

37

S death his fa - tal stroke shall cease, And en - vy pit - y *mf*

A death his fa - tal stroke shall cease, And en - vy pit - y *mf*

T death his fa - tal stroke shall cease, And en - vy pit - y *mf*

B death his fa - tal stroke shall cease, And en - vy pit - y *mf*

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40 *Meno mosso* *pp* *mp* *a tempo*

S ev - 'ry pain; And pleas - ure mourn, and sor - row smile, Be -

A ev - 'ry pain; And pleas - ure mourn, and sor - row smile, Be -

T ev - 'ry pain; And pleas - ure mourn, and sor - row smile, Be -

B ev - 'ry pain; And pleas - ure mourn, and sor - row smile, Be -

43 *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

S fore I talk of an - y guile, Be - fore I talk of an - y guile. \_\_\_\_\_

A fore I talk of an - y guile, Be - fore I talk of an - y guile. \_\_\_\_\_

T fore I talk of an - y guile, Be - fore I talk of an - y guile. \_\_\_\_\_

B fore I talk of an - y guile, Be - fore I talk of an - y guile. \_\_\_\_\_

47 *mf* *mf*

S —

A — First — shall the heav'ns want — star - ry

T — First — shall the heav'ns want — star - ry

B — First — shall the heav'ns want star - ry light, — star - ry



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51

S First \_\_\_\_\_ shall the heav'ns \_\_\_\_\_ want star - ry light,

A light, *f* First \_\_\_\_\_ shall the heav'ns want star - ry light,

T light,

B light, *f* First \_\_\_\_\_ shall the

*Meno mosso, allargando*

54

S the heav'ns want star - ry light, The seas be robb'd of their

A the heav'ns want star - ry light, The seas be robb'd of their

T the heav'ns want star - ry light, The seas be robb'd of their

B heav'ns want star - ry, star - ry light, The seas be robb'd of their

*Tempo 1*

57

S waves; \_\_\_\_\_ and sun want bright, — *p dolce*

A waves; \_\_\_\_\_ *p dolce* The day want sun, \_\_\_\_\_ and sun want bright, The

T waves; \_\_\_\_\_ *p dolce* The day want sun, \_\_\_\_\_ The

B waves; \_\_\_\_\_

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60

S *mf* the dead men graves, — The day want sun, and

A *mf* night want shade, — the dead men graves, The day want sun, and

T *mf* night want shade, The day want sun, and

B *mf* The day want sun, and

63

S *p* sun — want bright, *pp* The night want shade, and the dead men graves; — *p dolce* The

A *p* sun want bright, *pp* The night want shade, and the dead men graves; — *p dolce* The

T *p* sun want bright, *pp* The night want shade, and the dead men graves; —

B *p* sun want bright, *pp* The night want shade, and the dead men graves; —

67

S A - pril flow'rs, and leaf, and tree, Be - fore I false — my faith to thee, *p* The

A A - pril flow'rs, and leaf, and tree, Be - fore I false my faith to thee, *p* The

T Be - fore I false my faith to thee, *p* The

B Be - fore I false my faith to thee, *p* The

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71 *cresc.* *sempre cresc.* *f*

S A - pril flow'rs, and leaf, and tree, — Be - fore I false my faith to thee, — Be -

A *cresc.* *sempre cresc.* *f*

A - pril flow'rs, and leaf, and tree, — Be - fore I false — my faith to thee, my

T *cresc.* *sempre cresc.* *f*

A - pril flow'rs, and leaf, and tree, — Be - fore I false my faith to thee, — my

B *cresc.* *sempre cresc.* *f*

A - pril flow'rs, and leaf, and tree, Be - fore I false my faith to thee, my

## *Un poco meno mosso*

75 *rall.*

S fore I false my faith — to thee, — my faith, my faith to thee.

A *rall.*

8: faith, — my faith, my faith to First

T *rall.*

8: faith, — my faith, my faith to First

B *rall.*

8: faith, — my faith, my faith to First

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