



Ashepherd in a glade

Prize winner The Musical Times 1904 competition.

Cyril B. Rootham (1875-1938)

Cyril Bradley Rootham (1875-1938) was born in Redland, Bristol, son of a well-known singing teacher and director of the Bristol Madrigal Society. He was trained at St. John's College, Cambridge and the Royal College of Music where he studied under Walter Parratt, Hubert Parry and Charles Villiers Stanford. He held organist appointments at Christ Church, Hampstead, and St. Asaph Cathedral in north Wales. In 1901, he was appointed organist at St John's College, Cambridge, a post he held until the end of his life. He became a Fellow of St. John's and taught Counterpoint and Harmony. He was also conductor of the Cambridge University Musical Society. He composed a number of works, including an opera, two symphonies, several smaller orchestral pieces, chamber music and various choral works. Rootham was most comfortable writing for chorus and voice. Stanford, his teacher at the RCM, reportedly once said to him: "You can write for voices, me boy."

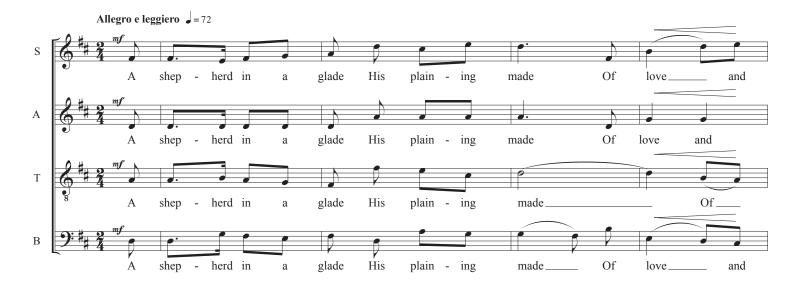
A shepherd in a glade His plaining made Of love and lover's wrong Unto the fairest lass That trod on grass, And thus began his song: "Since love and fortune will, I honour still Your fair and lovely eye: What conquest will it be, Sweet Nymph, for thee, If I for sorrow die? Restore, restore my heart again, Which love by thy sweet looks hath slain, Lest, that enforced by your disdain I sing, 'Fie, fie, fie on love, it is a foolish thing."

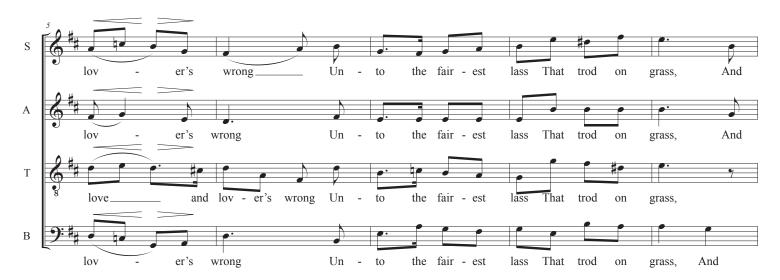
"My heart, where have you laid?
O cruel maid!
To kill where you might save,
Why have ye cast it forth
As nothing worth,
Without a tomb or grave?
O let it be entombed and lie
In your sweet mind and memory;
Lest I resound on every warbling string,
'Fie, fie on love, it is a foolish thing.'
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From John Dowland's Second Book of Songs or Airs (1600)

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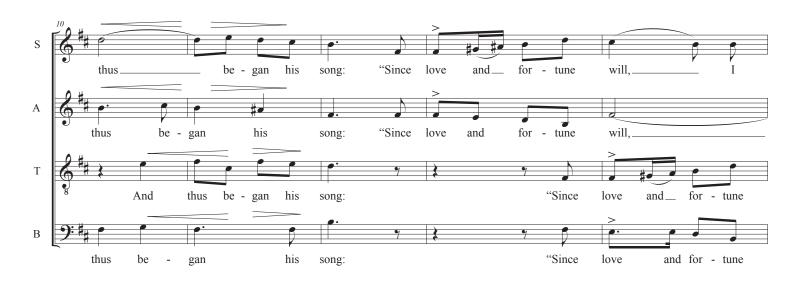
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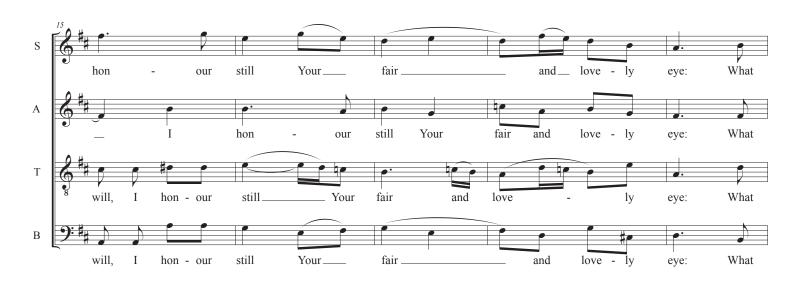


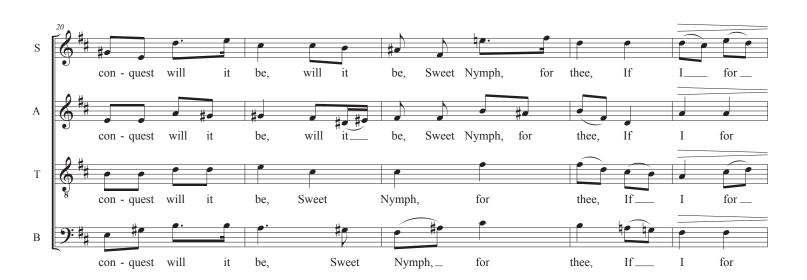


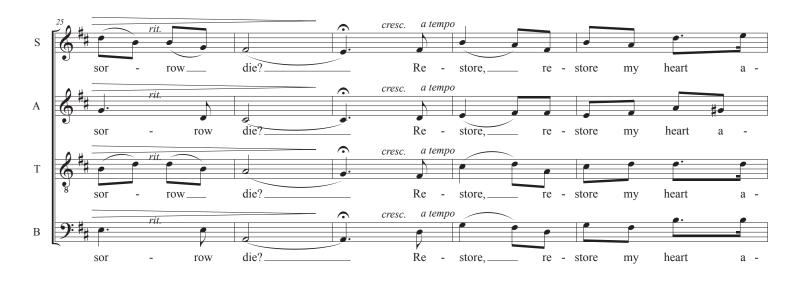


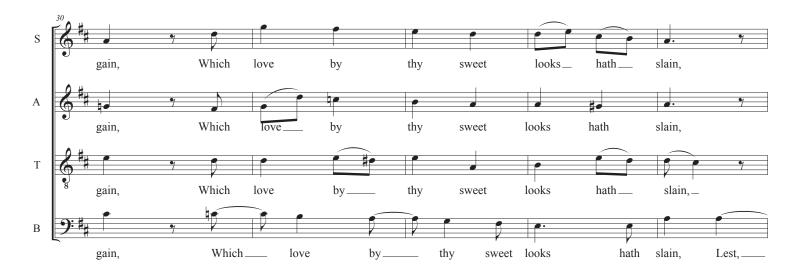
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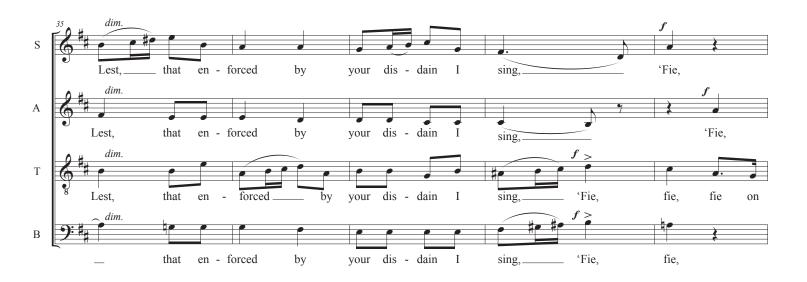


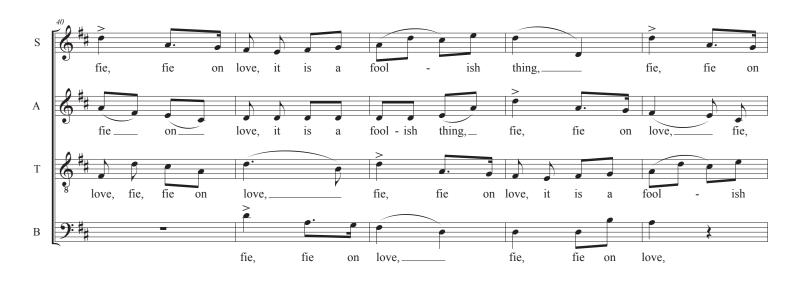


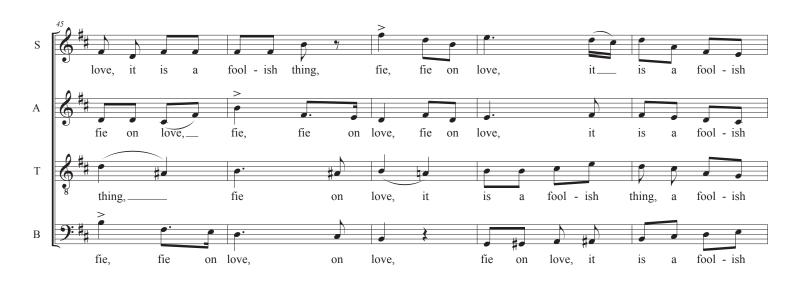


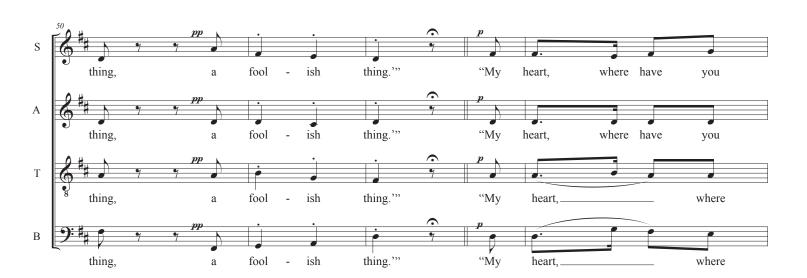


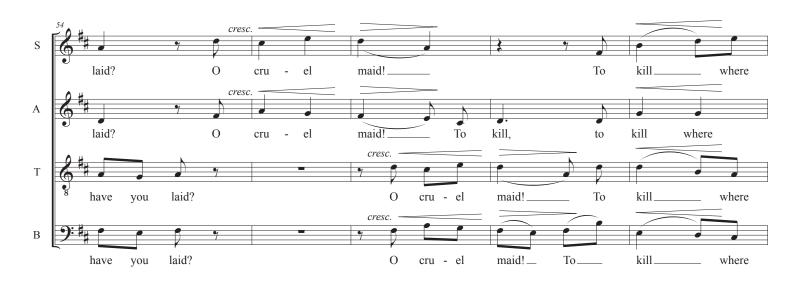


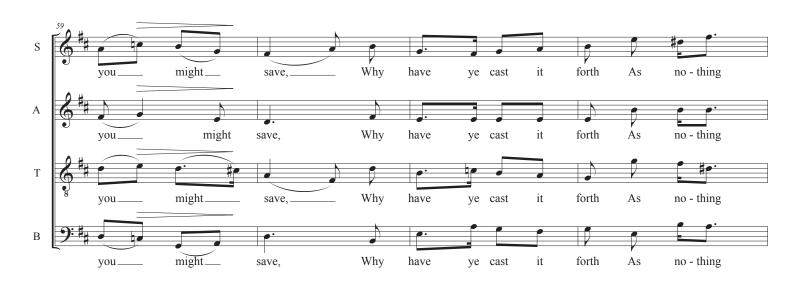


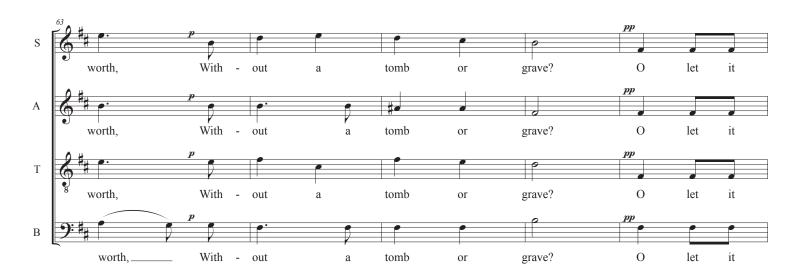


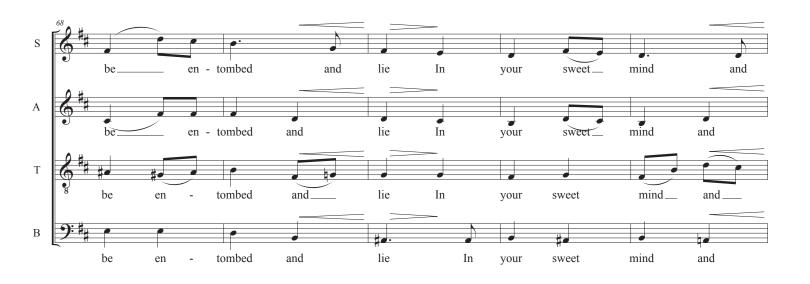


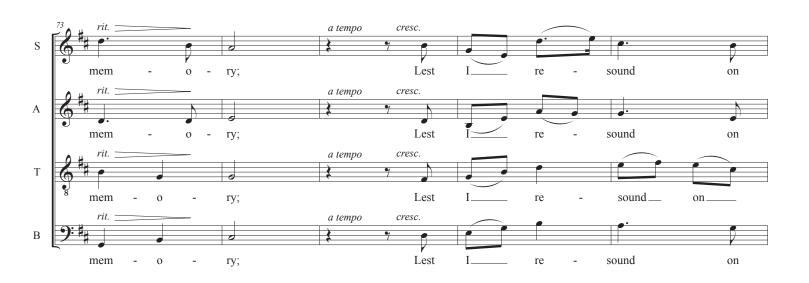


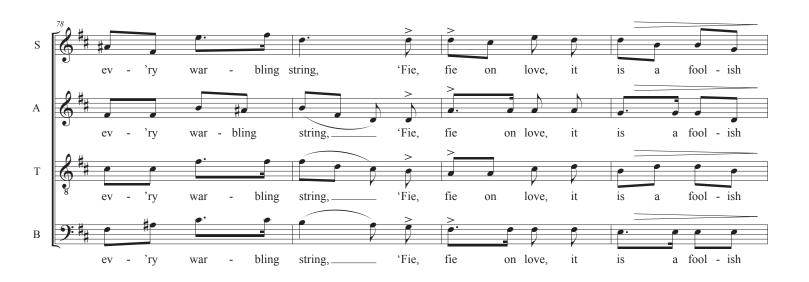


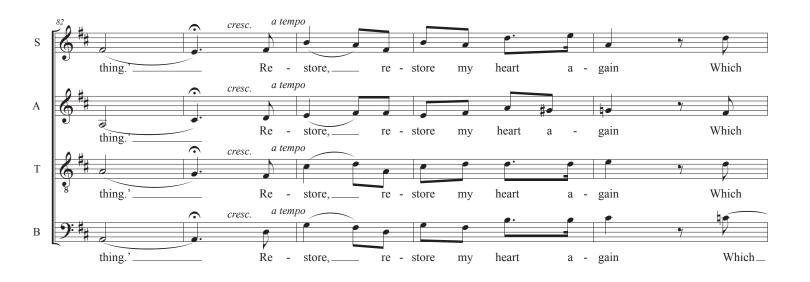


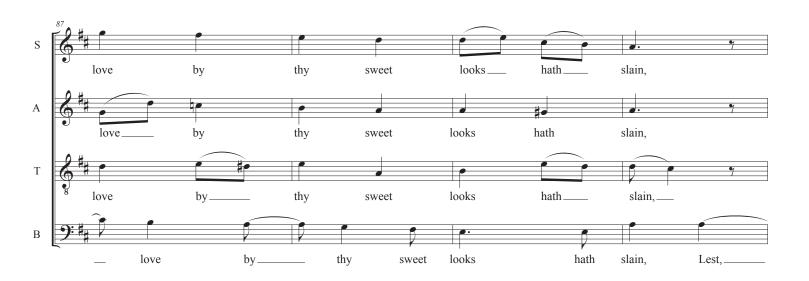


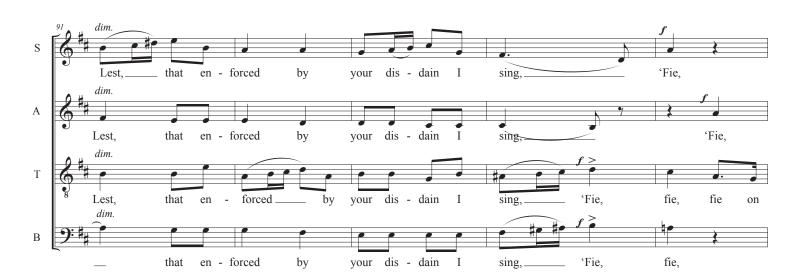


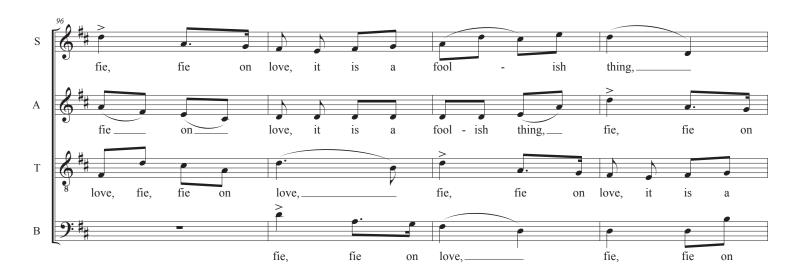


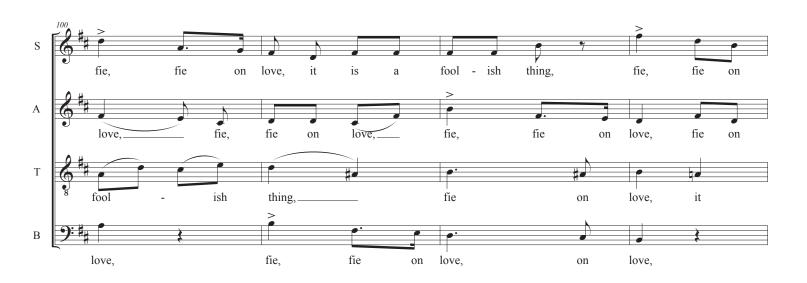


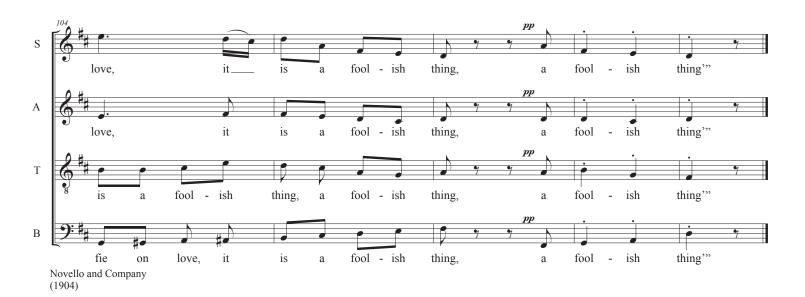












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