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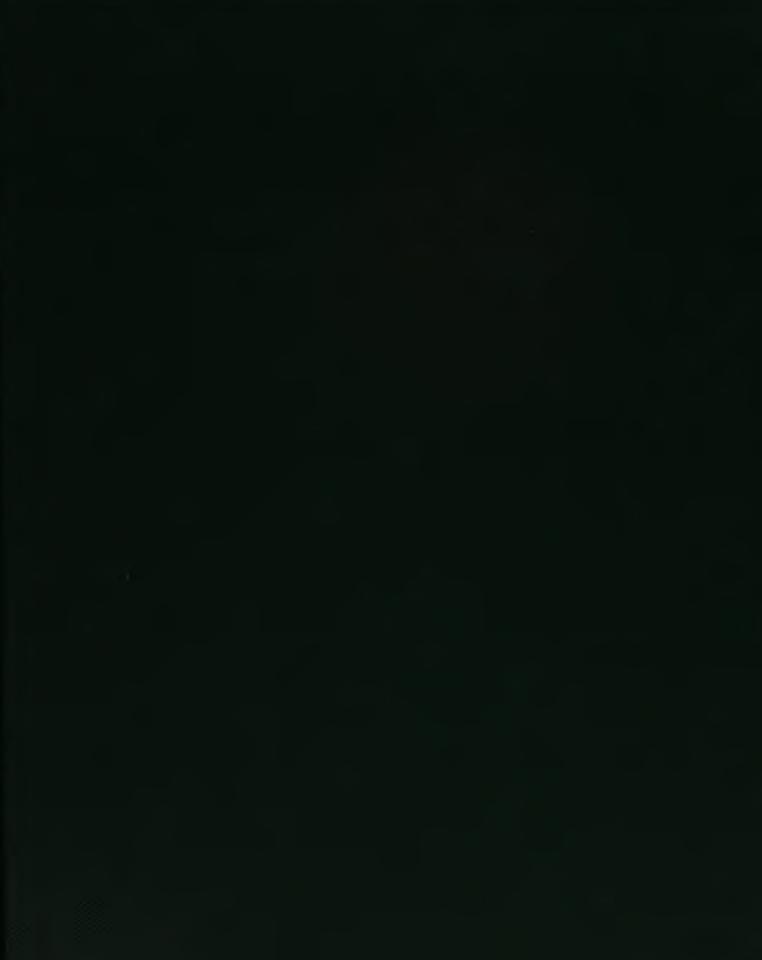
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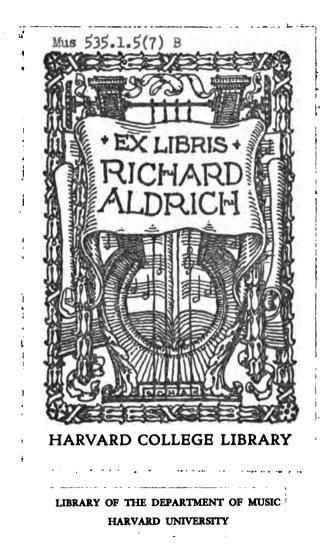
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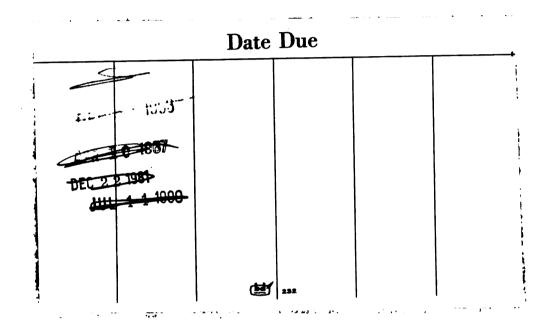
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preface.

THE object of this Edition is to present in an accessible form various works by English composers of the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries, which would otherwise be difficult to obtain. It is intended to reprint a selection from the music

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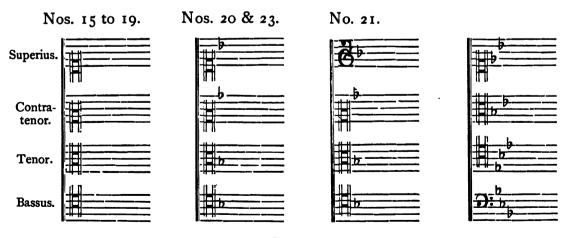
Introduction To No. Bii. Old English Edition.

BYRD'S Songs of Sundry Natures include eleven songs to four voices, of which nine are contained in this volume. Of the others, one (No. 24, *Rejoice, rejoice*) is "quire to the five-part carol," *From Virgin's womb*; the second (No. 25, *Cast off all doubtful care*,) to the six-part carol, *An earthly tree*. They will therefore be printed with the carols to which they belong.

One alteration in the text of the old edition has to be noticed. On p. 65, bar 4, the original reads in the alto and tenor parts :---



The following table will shew the clefs employed in the edition of 1589 :---



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TA Table of the Songs.

Of Four Parts.

- 15. Is LOVE A BOY? (1 part.)
- 16. Воу, ріту ме. (2 part.)
- 17. WOUNDED I AM. (I part.)
- 18. YET OF US TWAIN. (2 part.)
- 19. FROM CITHERON THE WARLIKE BOY. (1 part).
- 20. THERE CARELESS THOUGHTS. (2 part.)
- 21. IF LOVE BE JUST. (3 part.)
- 22. O LORD, MY GOD.
- 23. WHILE THAT THE SUN.
- (24. Rejoice, rejoice, see No. 35.
- 25. Cast off all doubtful care, see No. 40.

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THE FIRST PART.

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Is Love a boy? what means he then to strike? Or is he blind? why will he be a guide? Is he a man? why doth he hurt his like? Is he a god? why doth he men deride?

No one of these, but one compact of all: A wilful boy, a man still dealing blows, Of purpose blind, to lead men to their thrall, A god that rules, unruly God He knows.

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THE SECOND PART.

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Boy, pity me that am a child again;

Blind, be no more my guide to make me stray; Man, use thy might to force away my pain;

God, do me good and lead me to my way. And if thou be'st a pow'r to me unknown, Pow'r of my life, let here thy grace be shown.



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THE FIRST PART.

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WOUNDED I am and dare not seek reliefFor this new stroke unseen but not unfelt;No blood nor bruise is witness of my grief,But sighs and tears wherewith I mourn and melt.

If I complain, my witness is suspect,

If I contain, with cares I am undone: Sit still and die, tell truth and be reject;

O hateful choice, that sorrow cannot shun.

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THE SECOND PART.

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YET of us twain whose loss shall be the less,

Mine of my life, or you of your good name? Light is my death regarding my distress,

But your offence cries out to your defame, A virgin fair hath slain for lack of grace The man that made an idol of her face.

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THE FIRST PART.

FROM Citheron the warlike boy is fled,

And smiling sits upon a virgin's lap, Thereby to train poor misers to the trap Whom beauty draws with fancy to be fed; And when desire with eager looks is led,

Then from her eyes

The arrow flies

Feather'd with flame, arm'd with a golden head.

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THE SECOND PART.

There careless thoughts are freeed of that flame,

Wherewith her thralls are scorched to the heart.

If Love would so, would God th'enchanting dart Might once return and burn from whence it came. Not to deface of beauty's work the frame,

But by rebound

It might be found

What secret smart I suffer by the same.

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THE THIRD PART.

If Love be just, then just is my desire, And if unjust, why is he call'd a god? O god, O good, O just, reserve thy rod To chasten those that from thy laws retire. But choose aright, good Love, I thee require, The golden head

Not that of lead;

Her heart is frost and must dissolve by fire.

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O LORD, my God, let flesh and blood Thy servant not subdue, Nor let the world deceive me with His glory most untrue.

Let not, O Lord, O mighty God, Let not Thy mortal foe, Let not the fiend with all his craft Thy servant overthrow.

But to resist give fortitude, Give patience to endure, Give constancy that always Thine I may perserver sure.



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WHILE that the sun with his beams hot Scorched the fruits in vale and mountain, Philon the shepherd late forgot

Sitting beside a crystal fountain

In shadow of a green oak-tree,

Upon his pipe this song play'd he : Adieu love, adieu love, untrue love! Untrue love, untrue love, adieu love! Your mind is light, soon lost for new love.

So long as I was in your sight

I was your heart, your soul, your treasure; And evermore you sobb'd and sigh'd, Burning in flames beyond all measure.

Three days endur'd your love to me And it was lost in other three. Adieu love, adieu love, untrue love! Untrue love, untrue love, adieu love! Your mind is light, soon lost for new love.

Another shepherd you did see

To whom your heart was soon enchained; Full soon your love was leapt from me, Full soon my place he had obtained.

Soon came a third your love to win, And we were out, and he was in. Adieu love, adieu love, untrue love! Untrue love, untrue love, adieu love! Your mind is light, soon lost for new love. Sure you have made me passing glad

That you your mind so soon removed, Before that I the leisure had

To choose you for my best beloved.

For all my love was past and done

Two days before it was begun. Adieu love, adieu love, untrue love ! Untrue love, untrue love, adieu love ! Your mind is light, soon lost for new love.

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Is love a boy?

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Boy, pity me.

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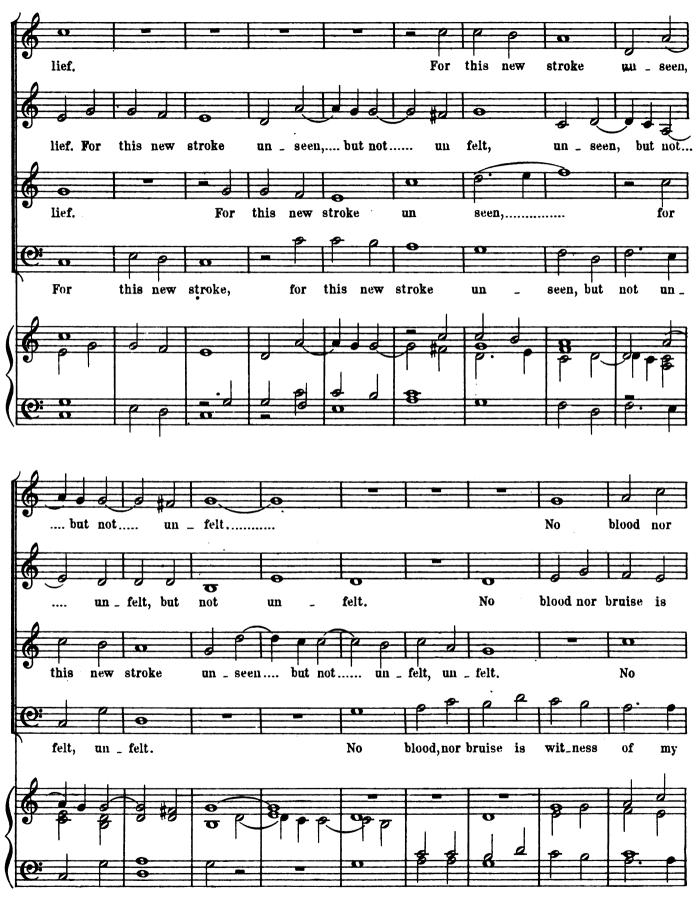
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Wounded I am.

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XVIII.

Yet of us twain.

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From Citheron the warlike boy is fled.

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There careless thoughts are freed.

The second part.









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If Love be just?

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O Lord my God.



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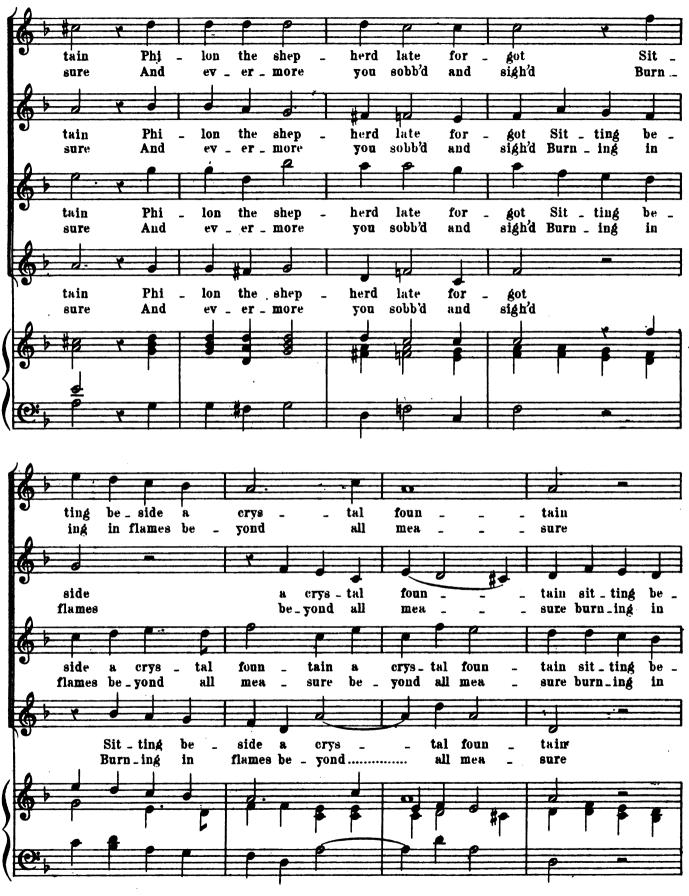




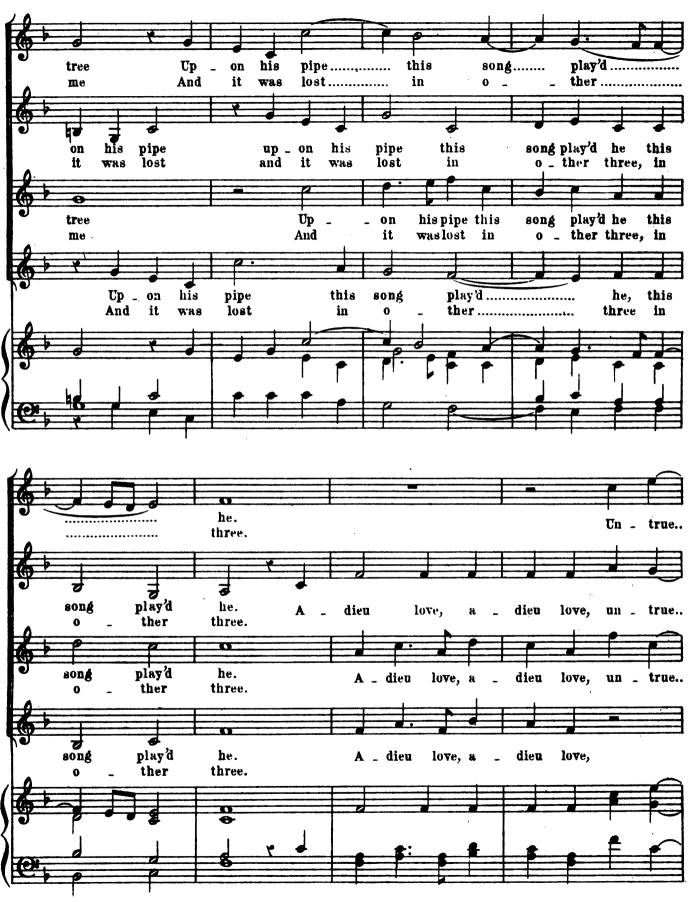
XXIII.

While that the sun.









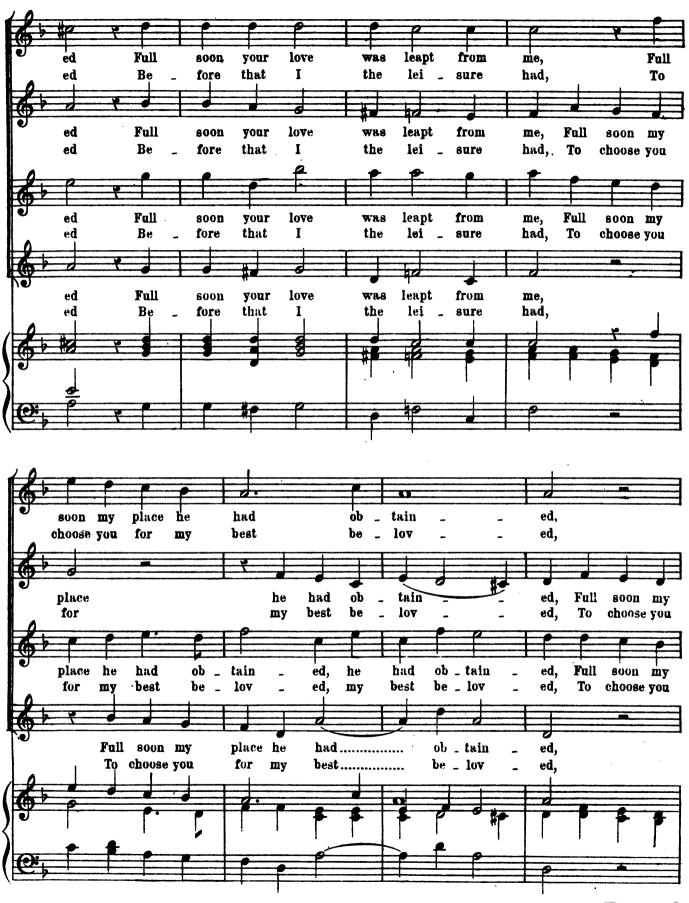


















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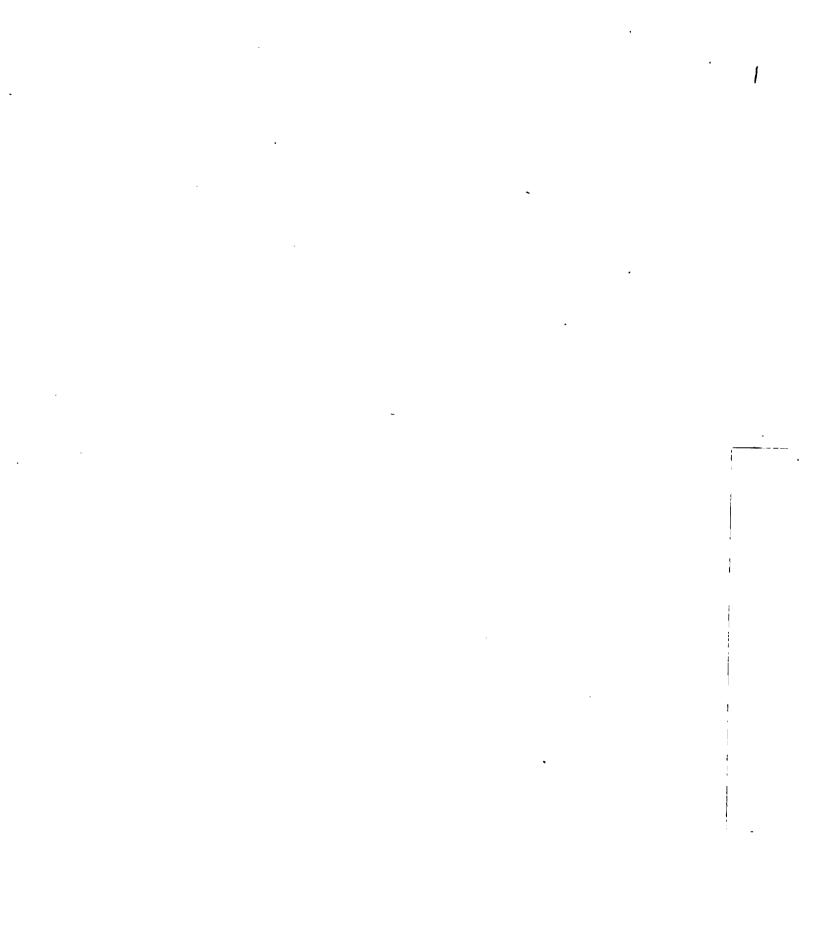
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