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OF

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OF FOUR PARTS.

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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 hidden away in public and private libraries, which is almost unknown, except to antiquaries and collectors of rare books.

Each volume will be accompanied by Introductions, Biographical Notices, and references to the authorities whence information is obtained.

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Introduction to Mo. xix. Old English Edition.

THIS volume contains Nos. 8 to 14 of Francis Pilkington's Airs, of which the first seven were given in No. 18 of this Edition. In the Introduction to that Number, it was stated that "following the example of Oliphant the present Editor has considered himself at liberty to make as many alterations in the words as he thought desirable." It should be explained, however, that no alterations have been made in this Edition without reason, but only where something in the words seemed too Elizabethan in taste for a modern audience: excepting in the case of one song, where to save space I have omitted a verse which was unintelligible to me. The words throughout seem to me to be very incorrectly given in the old Edition, and some emendations might easily be suggested. I have not retained the old spelling, except in the case of the word "arrant" (for "errand"), which is required by the rhyme. I have also given the word "mourne" as spelt in Air No. 9, as I do not know what it means.

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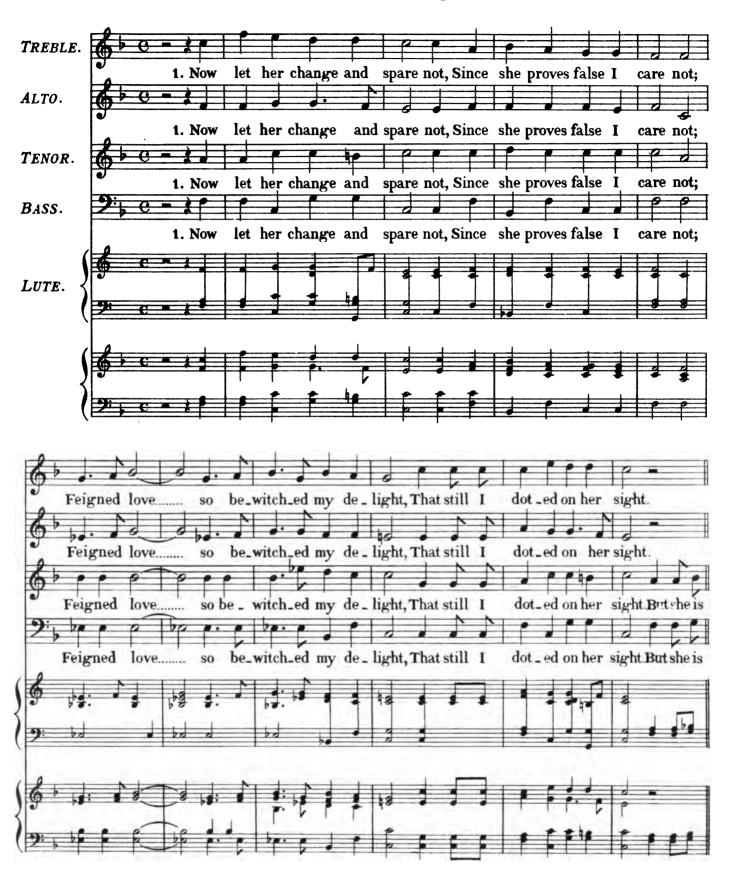
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Now let her change.



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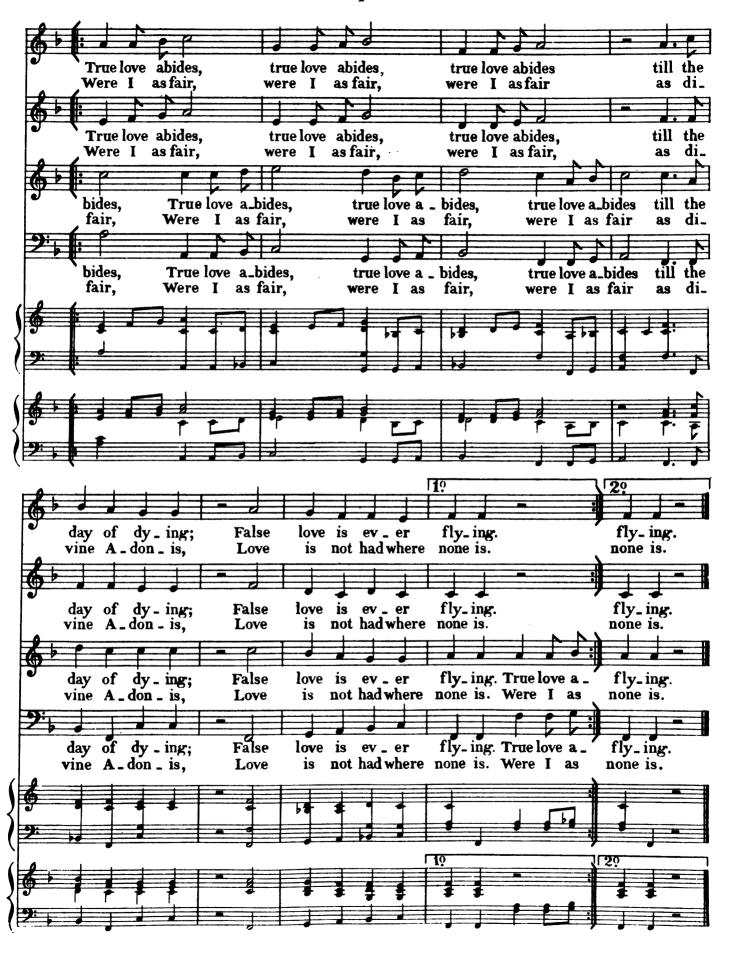
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Now let her change.









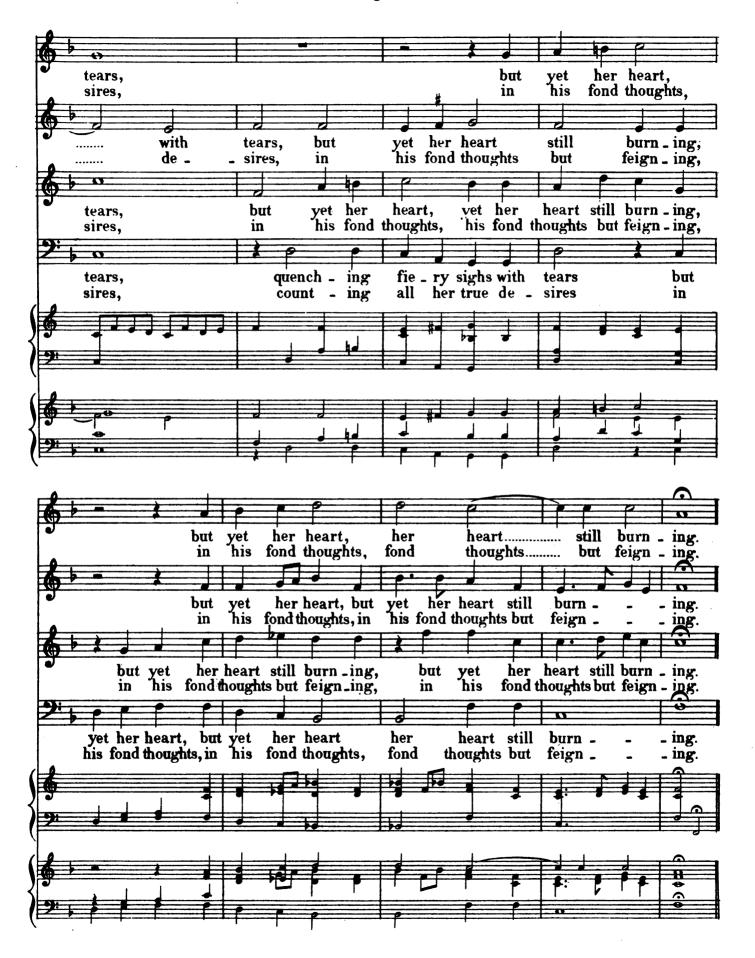
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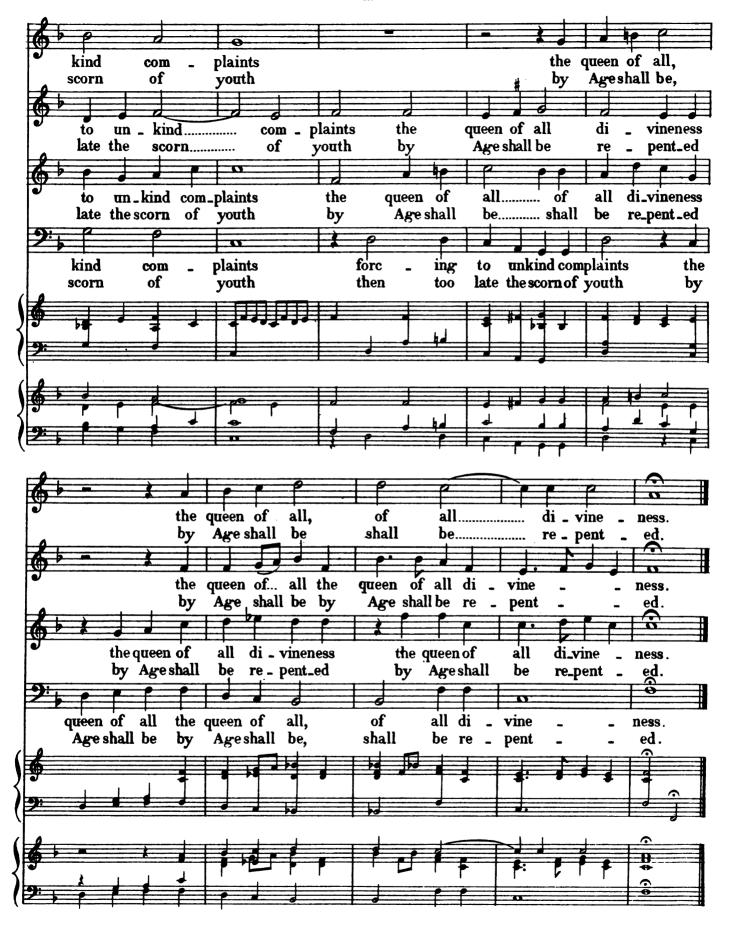




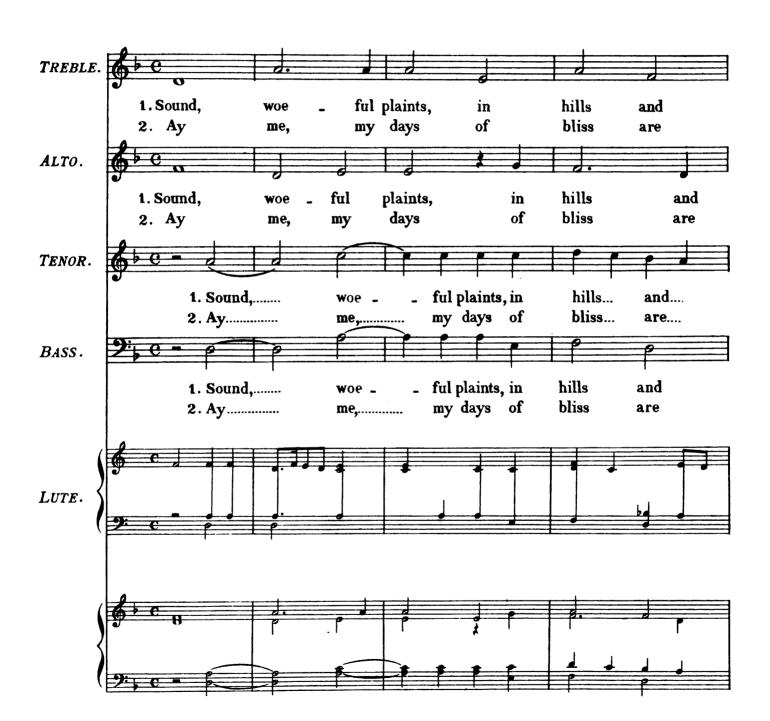








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Sound woeful plaints.
For his unfortunate friend William Harwood.







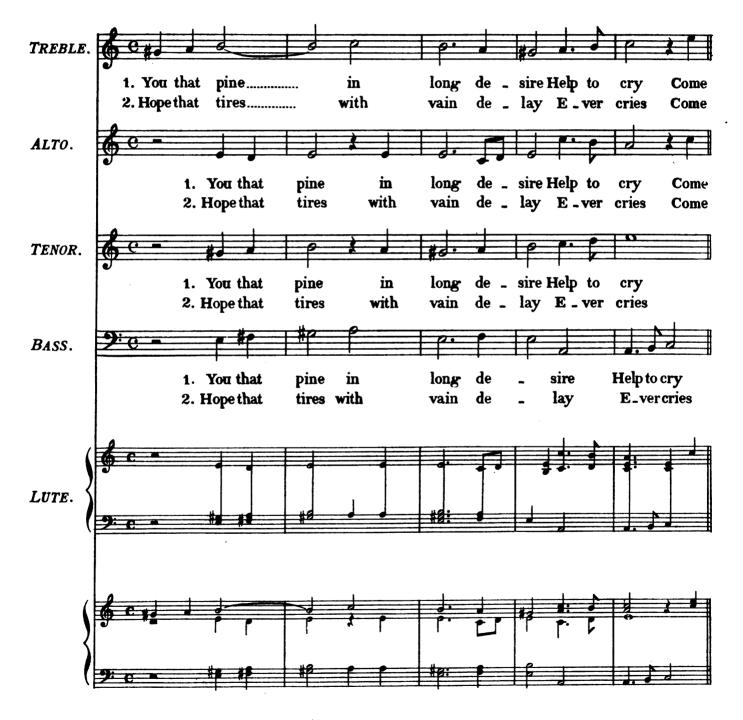








XI. You that pine in long desire.



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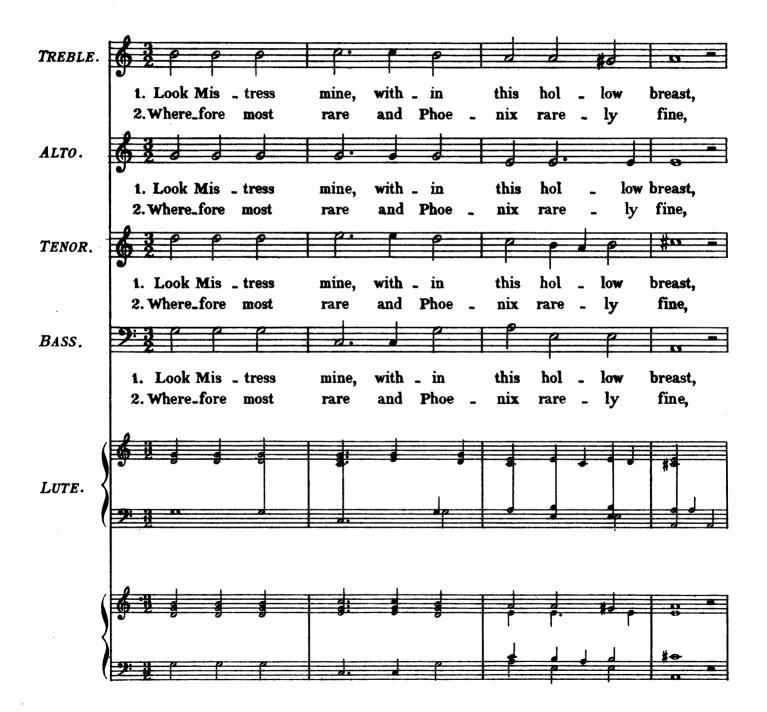






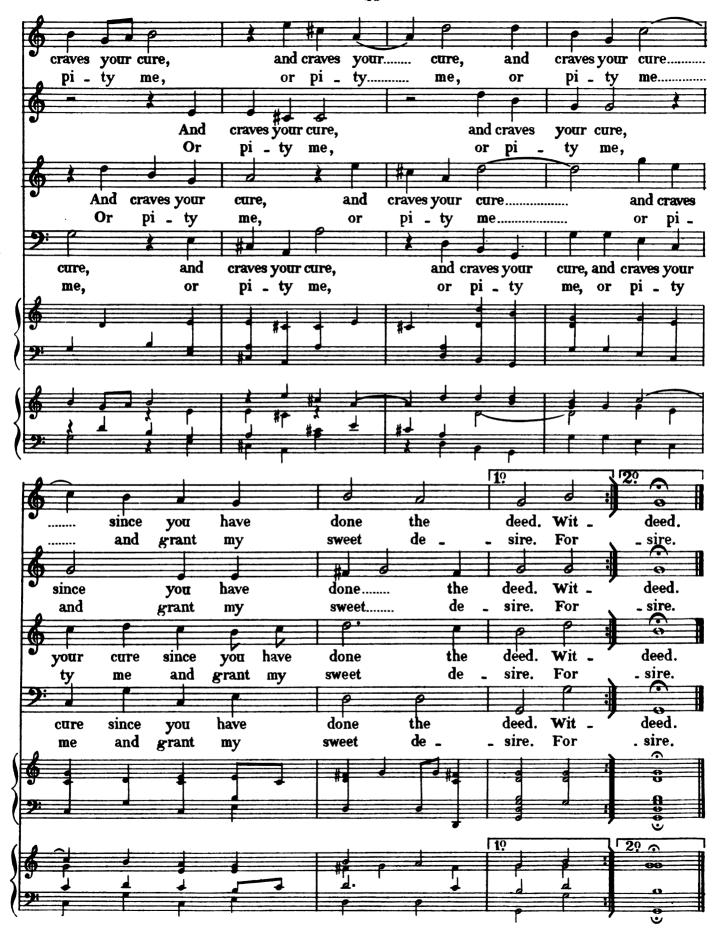


XII.
Look Mistress mine.









XIII.

Climb, O heart.

To his loving friend M. Holder, M. of Arts.













XIV.
Thanks, gentle Moon.

