

# Drop, Slow Tears

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(1582-1650)

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The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time, with a tempo marking of quarter note = 72. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

**System 1 (Measures 1-4):** The tempo is marked *p*. The lyrics are: "Drop, drop, drop slow, slow tears, and".

**System 2 (Measures 5-8):** The lyrics are: "bathe those beau-teous feet which brought from".

**System 3 (Measures 9-12):** The dynamics are marked *mf*. The lyrics are: "hea-ven the news, the news, the news, and".

**System 4 (Measures 13-16):** The dynamics are marked *p*, *pp*, and *mf*. The lyrics are: "Prince of Peace, Prince of Peace. Cease not wet eyes,".

18

cease not, wet eyes His mercies to entreat

22

*f* *rit.*

To cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

26

*p a tempo*

Drop, drop, drop, slow, slow tears. In your deep

30

*f*

floods drown all my faults and fears Nor let His eye see

34

*p allarg.* *pp*

sin but through my tears, my tears, my tears.