

Sumwhat musying

The Henry VIII Manuscript Version

Sumwhat musyng
And more morenyng,
In remembryng
The unstedfastness,
This wordle beyng
Of such welyng,
Me contraryng;
What may I gess?*

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Contratenor
Tenor
Bassus

Some-what mu - sing in re-mem-b'ring th'un-stead-fast-ness,
Some-what mu - sing and more mour-ning in re-mem-b'ring th'un-stead-fast-ness, this
and more mour-ning in re-mem-b'ring th'un-stead-fast-ness, this

Ct.
T.
B.

this world be - ing of such wheel - ing what may I gess?
world be - ing of such wheel - ing me con-trar-ing what may I gess? I
world be - ing me con-tra - ry-ing; what may I gess? I

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Ct. for un - kind - ness with-

T. fear doubt - less re - me - di - less is now to cease my woe - ful chance; for un - kind - ness

B. fear doubt - less re - me - di - less is now to cease my woe - ful chance;

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Ct. out - en - less and no re - dress me doth ad - - vance With dis - plea - sance to my

T. with - out - en - less and no re - dress me doth ad - vance With dis - plea - sance to my

B. With dis - plea - sance to my

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Ct. grie - vance and no 'sur - ance of re - me - dy;

T. grie - - - - - vance and no 'sur - ance of re - me - dy;

B. grie - vance and no 'sur - ance of re - me - dy;

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Ct. lo, in this trance, now in substance such is my dance wil - - ling to

T. lo, in this trance, now in sub - stance such is my dance wil - ling to

B. lo, in this trance, now in sub - stance such is my dance wil - - ling to

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Ct. die. Me think - eth tru - ly to be con - tent, _

T. die. Me think - eth tru - ly boun - den were I and that great - ly to be con - tent, _

B. die. Me think - eth tru - ly boun - den am I and that great - ly

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Ct. for - tune doth wry all con - tra -

T. say - ing plain - ly, for - tune doth wry all con - tra -

B. say - ing plain - ly, for - tune doth wry all con - tra -

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Ct. ry from mine in - tent. to an

T. ry from mine in - tent. my life was lent to an in -

B. ry from mine in - tent. my life was lent

*# in MS.

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Ct. in - tent; it is nigh spent; wel - come for - tune, wel - come for - tune, yet I ne'er

T. tent; it is nigh spent; wel - come for - tune, yet

B. it is nigh spent; wel - come for - tune,

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Ct. 8
went thus to be shent, such is her wont.

T.
I ne'er went thus to be shent, but she it meant, such is her wont.

B.
but she it meant, such is her wont.