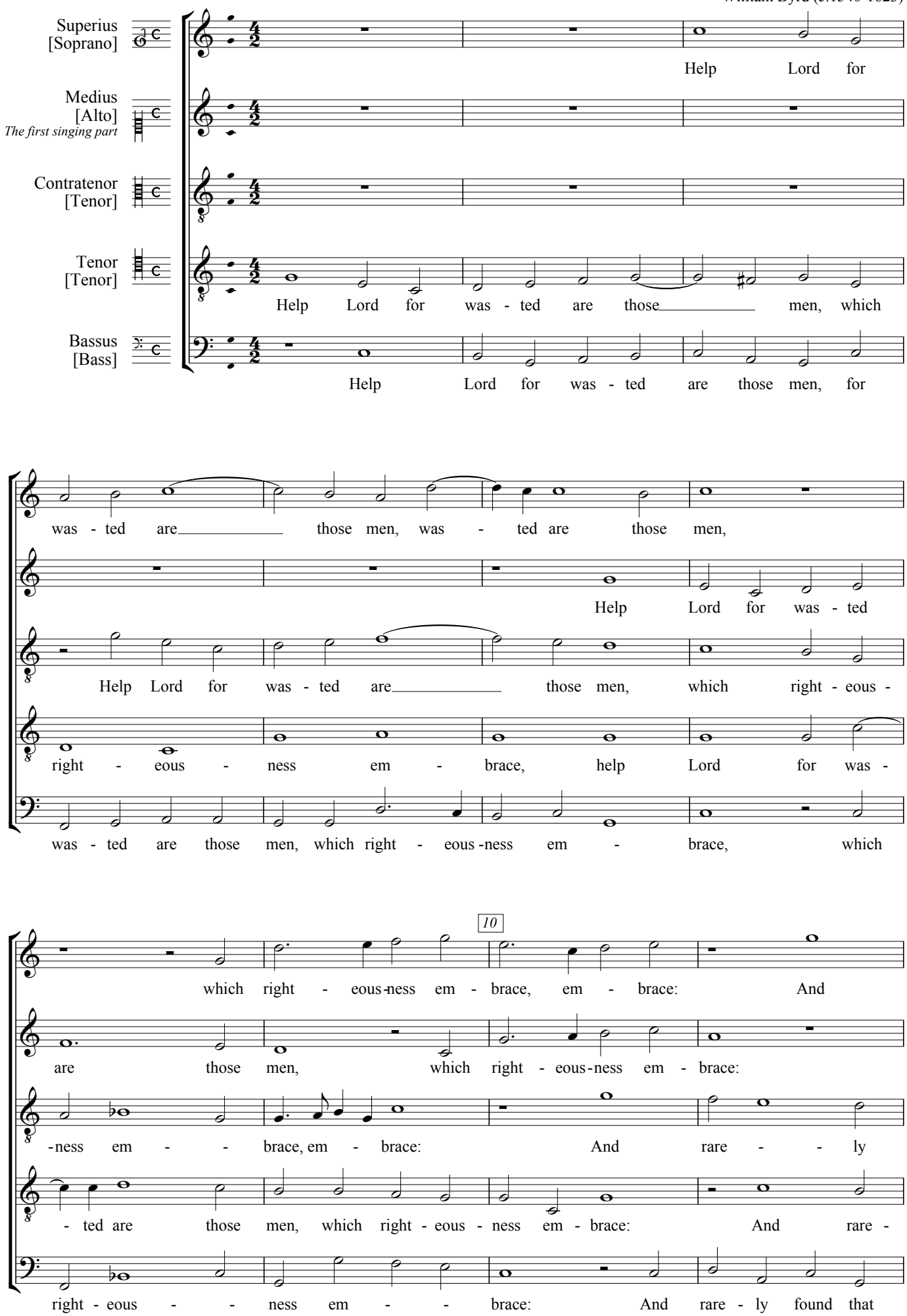
Help Lord for wasted are those men

Psal. 12

William Byrd (*c.*1540-1623)



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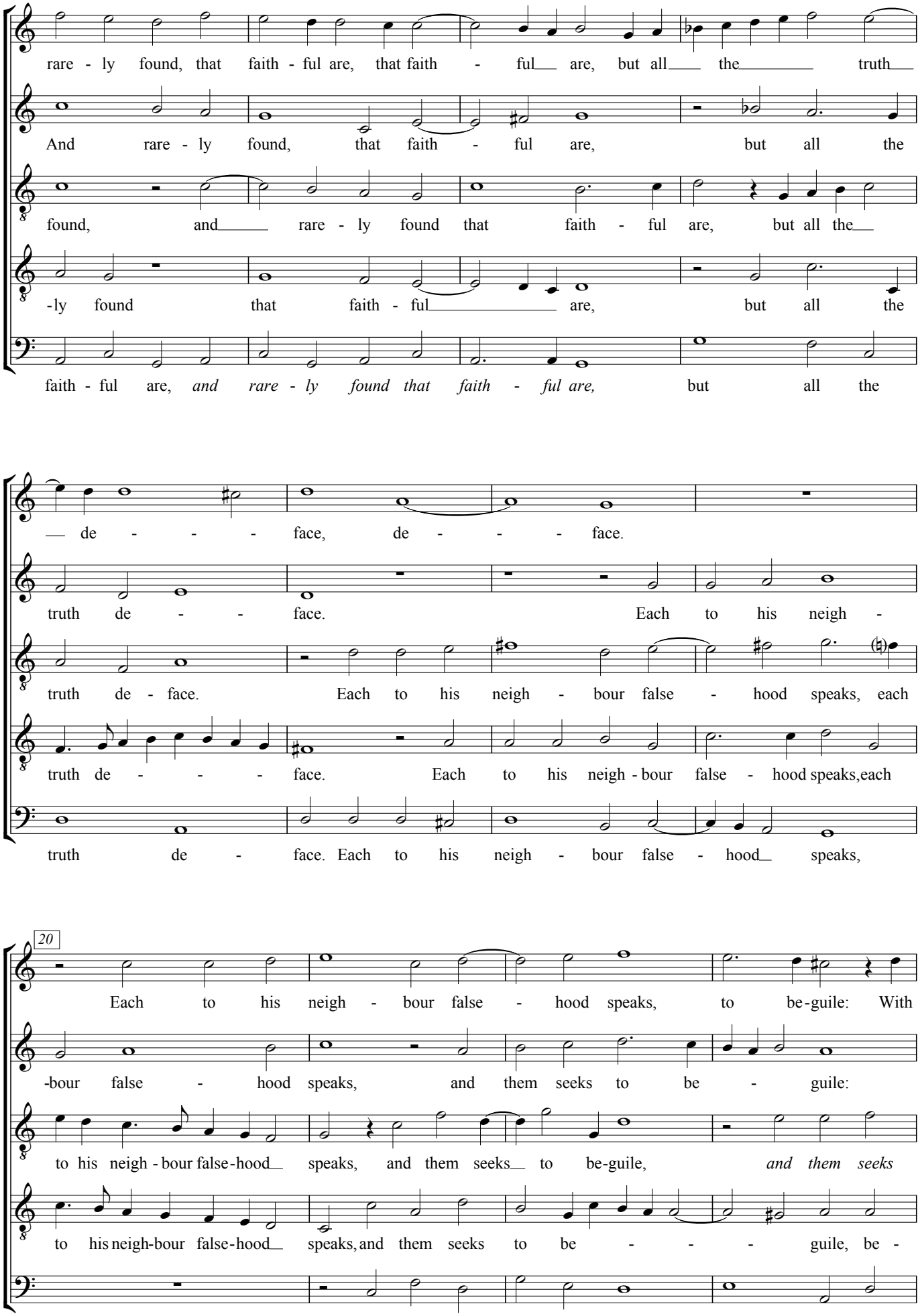
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Each to his neigh - bour false - hood speaks, to be-guile: With
-bour false - hood speaks, and them seeks to be - guile:
to his neigh - bour false-hood speaks, and them seeks to be-guile, and them seeks
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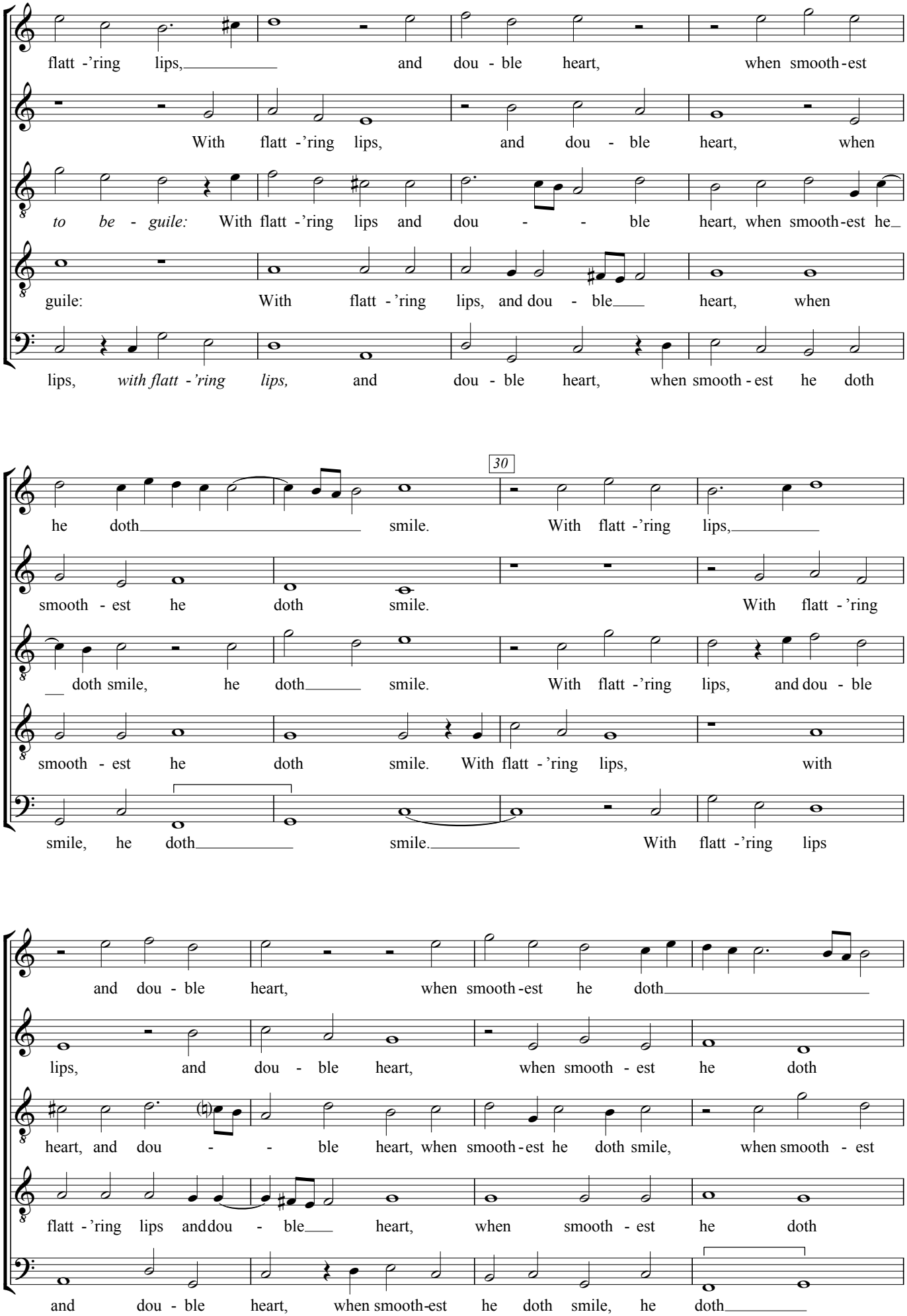
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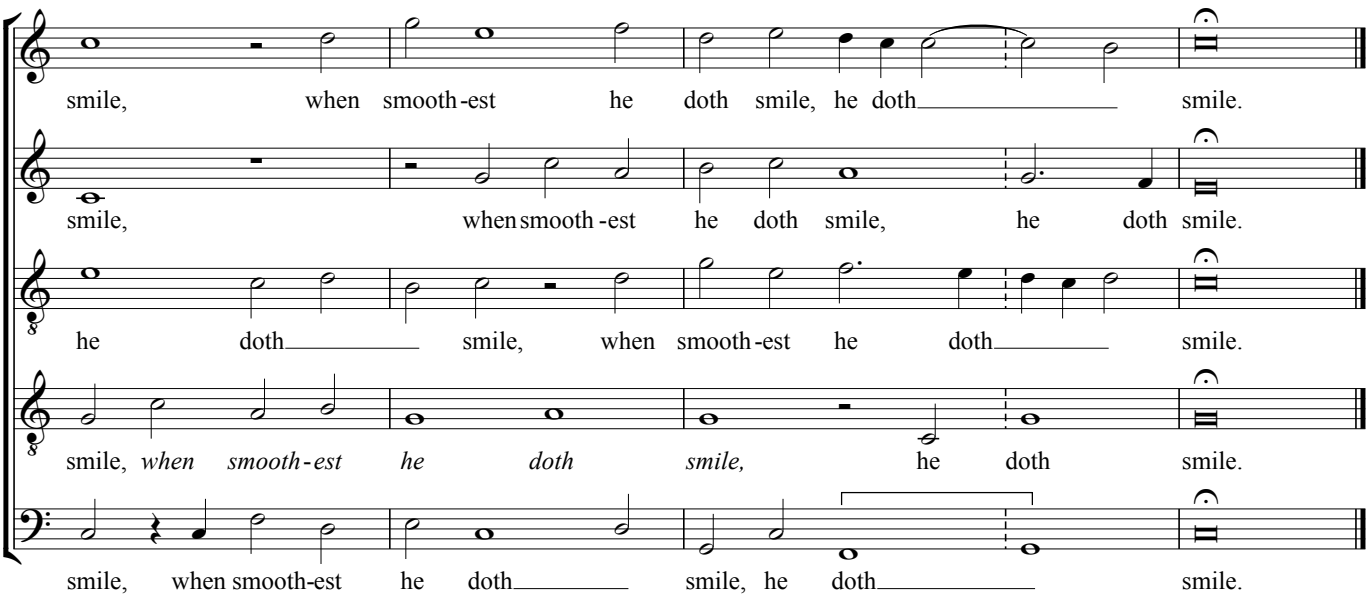

Source: William Byrd, *Psalmes, Sonets, & songs of sadnes and pietie* (London, 1588), no.7.

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1. Help Lord for wasted are those men,
   which right'usnesse embrace:
   And rarely found that faithfull are,
   but all the truth deface.

2. Each to his neighbour falsehood speakes
   and them seekes to beguile:
   With flattering lips and double heart,
   when smoothest hee doth smile.

3. All flattering lips, the Lord our God,
   in justice will confound:
   And all proud tongues, that vaunt great things
   hee will bring to the ground.

4. Our tongues say they shall lift us up,
   by them wee shall prevail:
   Who should us let, or stop our course,
   that thereof wee should faile.

5. For the destruction of the just,
   and such as bee opprest:
   And for the mournings of the poore,
   that likewise bee distrest.

6. I will ryse up now saith the Lord,
   and ease their griefe and care:
   Of those which hee full craftely,
   hath draw'n into his snare.

7. Like silver fine that tried is,
   seven times by heate of fire:
   So are thy words Lord pure and cleane,
   to such as them desire.

8. Thou Lord wilt keepe, and wilt defend,
   all such as in thee trust:
   And from that cursed race of men,
   save all such as bee just.

9. When evill men exalted bee,
   the wicked gad about:
   Farre from all feare of paine, but thou
   O Lord wilt roote them out.

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