

# Retire, my troubled soul (1613)

John Ward (1571–1638)  
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Smoothly, but with movement.

Musical score for the first system, measures 1-8. The score is in 4/4 time and G major. It features six vocal parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The lyrics are: "Re - tire my trou - bled soul, re - tire my trou - bled soul, Re - tire my trou - bled soul, Re - tire my trou - bled soul, Re - tire my trou - bled soul, Re - tire my trou - bled soul." Dynamics include *p* (piano) and accents.

Musical score for the second system, measures 9-16. The score continues with the same six vocal parts. The lyrics are: "Re - tire my trou - bled soul, re - tire my trou - bled soul, tire my trou - bled soul, re - tire my trou - bled soul, soul, re - tire my trou - bled soul, my trou - bled soul, soul, re - tire my trou - bled soul my trou - bled soul, Re - tire my trou - bled soul, re - tire my trou - bled soul, soul, re - tire my trou - bled soul, re - tire my trou - bled soul." Dynamics include *p* (piano) and accents.

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S. Rest, rest, and be - hold thy days of do -

S. Rest, rest, and be - hold thy days of

A. Rest, rest,

T. Rest, and be - hold thy days of

T. Rest, rest,

B. Rest,

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S. - lour, dan - gers man - i - fold, See, *mf* *f*

S. do - lour, dan - gers man - i - fold, See, *mf* *f*

A. See, *f*

T. do - lour, dan - gers man - i - fold, See, *mf* *f*

T. See, *f*

B. See, *f*

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*molto dim.* *p*

S. life is but a dream, Whose best con-tent - ing,

*molto dim.* *p*

S. life is but a dream, Whose best con-tent -

*molto dim.* *p*

A. life is but a dream, Whose best con - tent - ing,

*molto dim.* *p*

T. life is but a dream, Whose best con-tent - ing, whose best con - tent -

*molto dim.* *p*

T. life is but a dream, Whose best con - tent - ing, whose best con-tent -

*molto dim.* *p*

B. life is but a dream, whose best con - tent -

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S. whose best con - tent - ing, whose best con-tent - ing

*mf*

S. ing, whose best con-tent - ing, whose best con - tent - ing Be -

A. whose best con-tent - ing, whose best con - tent - ing

*mf*

T. ing, whose best con - tent - ing, whose best con - tent - ing Be - gun with

T. ing, whose best con-tent - ing

B. ing, whose best con - tent - ing

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*mf*

S. Be - gun with hope, be - gun with \_\_\_\_\_ hope, be - gun with

S. gun with hope, be - gun with \_\_\_\_\_ hope, be - gun with hope, be - gun with hope, be -

A. *mf*  
Be - gun with hope, with hope,

T. *mf*  
hope, be - gun with hope, be - gun with hope, be - gun with hope, be - gun with hope, \_\_\_\_\_

T. *mf*  
Be - gun with hope, be - gun with hope, \_\_\_\_\_ be -

B. *mf*  
Be - - -

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S. hope, be - gun with hope, be - gun with \_\_\_\_\_ hope,

S. gun with \_\_\_\_\_ hope, be - gun with hope,

A. *cresc.*  
be - gun with hope, be - gun with hope, Pur - sued \_\_\_\_\_ with

T. *cresc.*  
be - gun with hope, \_\_\_\_\_

T. *cresc.*  
gun with hope, be - gun with hope, with \_\_\_\_\_ hope, Pur - sued \_\_\_\_\_ with

B. *cresc.*  
- - gun with hope, be - gun with hope, Pur - - -

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*cresc.*

S. Pur - sued\_\_\_ with doubt, pur - sued with doubt,

*cresc.* *p*

S. Pur - sued\_\_\_ with doubt,\_\_\_ pur - sued\_\_\_ with doubt, En-joyed with

A. doubt,\_\_\_ pur - sued\_\_\_ with\_ doubt, with doubt,

*cresc.*

T. Pur - sued\_\_\_ with doubt, pur - sued\_\_\_ with doubt,\_\_\_

*p*

T. doubt, pur - sued\_\_\_ with doubt, En-joyed with

B. sued\_\_\_ with\_\_\_ doubt, pur - sued with doubt,

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*p*

S. En - joyed with fear, en - joyed with fear, en - joyed with fear, Ends\_\_\_ in re -

S. fear, En - joyed with fear, en - joyed with fear, en-joyed with fear,\_\_\_

*p*

A. En - joyed with fear, en-joyed with fear, en-joyed with fear, with fear, Ends\_\_\_ in re -

*p*

T. \_\_\_ En - joyed with fear, en - joyed with fear,

T. fear, en-joyed with fear, en-joyed with fear, with fear.

*p*

B. en - joyed with fear, en - joyed with fear, Ends

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S. pent - ing, ends in re - pent - ing,

S. Ends \_\_\_\_\_ in re - pent -

A. pent - ing, in re - pen - ing, ends in re - pent -

T. Ends \_\_\_\_\_ in re - pent - ing, re - pent - - ing, re -

T. Ends \_\_\_\_\_ in re - pent -

B. in re - pent - - - - ing,

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S. ends \_\_\_\_\_ in re - pent - ing, re - pent - ing.

S. ing, ends \_\_\_\_\_ in re - pent - - - - ing.

A. - - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ ends \_\_\_\_\_ in re - pent - ing.

T. pent - ing, ends \_\_\_\_\_ in re - pent - ing, re - pent - ing.

T. ing, \_\_\_\_\_ ends in re - pent - ing, re - pent - ing.

B. ends \_\_\_\_\_ in re - pent - ing, re - pent - ing.