

Ah! cannot sighs nor tears

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Soprano I
Soprano II
Alto
Tenor I
Tenor II
Bass

p Ah! can-not sighs, nor tears, nor aught else move thee To pi-ty

S
A
T
B

cresc.
To pi-ty, pi-ty me, to pi-ty me, who more than life, than
cresc.
To pi-ty, pi-ty me, to pi-ty me,
cresc.
me, to pi-ty, pi-ty me, to pi-ty me, who more than
cresc.
me, to pi-ty me, to pi-ty me,
cresc.
To pi-ty me, to pi-ty me, who more than life do
cresc.
me, to pi-ty me, to pi-ty me,

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S life do love thee, than life to love thee? *mf* O, _____

A who more than life, than life do love thee? *mf* O, _____

T 8 who more than life do love thee? *mf* O, _____

B 8 love thee, do love thee? *mf* O, _____

who more than life do love thee? *mf* O, _____

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S *p* O cru- el fates! O cru - el

A *p* O cru-el fates! O cru - el fates!

A *p* O cru - el fates! O cru- el fates! *mf* see, now a -

T 8 *p* O, O cru- el fates!

B 8 *p* O, O cru-el fates! O, O cru- el

p O cru - el fates! O cru - el fates!

S fates! *mf* see, now a - way she's fly - ing, see, how a - way she's fly - ing;

A *mf* see, now a - way she's fly - ing, see, how a - way she's fly - ing, see, now a - way she's fly - ing,

T ⁸ *mf* see, now a - way she's fly - ing, see, now a - way she's fly - ing; And

B ⁸ fates! *mf* see, now a - way she's fly - ing, a - *mf* see, how a - way she's fly - ing, see, now a - way she's

S And fly_ she_ will, and leave me dy - ing, and

A way she's fly - ing; And fly_ she

A see, now a - way she's fly - ing, And fly_ she will, a - las! and

T ⁸ fly_ she will, a - las! and leave me dy - ing, and leave me

B ⁸ way she's fly - ing; And fly she

B fly - ing; And fly_ she will, a - las! and leave me dy -

S fly she will, a-las! *p* a - las! a - las! a - las! and leave me dy-

A will, and fly she will, *p* a - las! a - las! and leave me dy-

leave me dy - ing, *p* a-las! a-las! a-las! and leave me dy - ing.

T 8 dy - ing, *p* a - las! a - las!

8 will, and fly she will, *p* a - las! and leave me dy -

B ing, and fly she will, *p* a - las! a - las! and leave me dy -

S ing. *mf* Fare-well, fare-well, fare-well, most fair, fare - well, fare -

A ing. *mf* Fare - well, fare - well, most fair, fare - well, fare -

mf Fare-well, fare-well, fare-well, most fair, fare-well, fare -

T 8 *mf* Fare-well, fare-well, fare-well, most fair, fare -

8 ing. *mf* Fare - well, fare - well, most fair, fare -

B ing. *mf* Fare - well, fare - well, most fair, fare - well, fare -

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S well, yet more ___ dis-dain - ful: *pp* Was ne-___ ver

A well: *pp* Was ___ ne-___ ver grief ___ like mine, ___

well, yet more ___ dis-dain - ful: *pp* Was ne-___ ver grief, was ne-___ ver grief like mine,

T 8 well, yet more ___ dis-dain - ful: *pp* Was ne-___ ver grief, was ne - ver grief like

8 well, yet more ___ dis-dain - ful: *pp* Was ne-ver grief ___ like

B well: *pp* Was ne - ver grief like mine, ___ nor

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S grief like mine, nor death ___ more pain - ful. *mf* O, ___ *p* O cru-el fates!

A nor death more pain - ful. *mf* O, ___ *p* O ___ cru- el fates!

nor death more pain-___ ful. *mf* O, ___ *p* O ___ cru - el fates!

T 8 mine, nor death more pain-___ ful. *mf* O, ___ *p* O, O cru-el fates!

8 mine, nor death more pain - ful. *mf* O, ___ *p* O, ___

B death more pain-___ ful. *mf* O, ___ *p* O cru - el fates!

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S O cru - el fates! *mf* see, now a - way she's fly - ing,

A O cru - el fates! *mf* see, now a - way she's fly - ing, see, now a -

T 8 O, O cru - el fates!

B 8 O cru - el fates! *mf* see, now a - way she's fly - ing, see,

B O cru - el fates! *mf* see, how a -

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S see, how a - way she's fly - ing;

A fly - ing, see, how a - way she's fly - ing; And fly - she -

A way she's fly - ing, see, now a - way she's fly - ing, And

T 8 *mf* see, now a - way she's fly - ing, a - way she's fly -

B 8 now a - way she's fly - ing; And fly - she will, a - las! and

B way she's fly - ing, see, now a - way she's fly - ing; And fly - she

S And fly _____ she will, and fly she will, *p* a - las! a -

A will, and leave me dy - ing, and fly _____ she will, a-las! *p* a - las! a -

B fly _____ she will, a - las! and leave me dy - ing, *p* a-las!

T 8 ing; And fly she will, and fly _____ she will,

B 8 leave me dy - ing, and leave me dy - ing, *p* a -

B will, a - las! and leave me dy - ing, and fly _____ she will, *p* a -

S las! and leave me dy- _____ ing. *mf* Fare - well, fare -

A las! a - las! and leave me dy _____ ing. *mf* Fare-well, fare-well,

A a-las! a-las! and leave me dy - ing. *mf* Fare-well, fare-well,

T 8 *p* a - las! and leave me dy - ing. *mf* Fare - well, fare -

B 8 las! a - las! *mf* Fare-well, fare-well,

B las! a - las! and leave me dy - ing. *mf* Fare - well, fare -

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S well, most fair, fare - well, fare - well: *pp* Was ne- ver

A fare-well, most fair, fare - well, fare - well, yet more dis-dain - ful:
fare-well, most fair, fare-well, fare - well, yet more dis-dain - ful: *pp* Was ne- ver

T 8 well, most fair, fare - well, yet more dis-dain - ful:
8 fare-well, most fair, fare - well, yet more dis-dain - ful: *pp* Was ne- ver

B well, most fair, fare - well, fare - well: *pp* Was ne - ver

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S grief like mine, nor death more pain - ful.

A *pp* Was ne- ver grief like mine, nor death more pain - ful.
grief, was ne- ver grief like mine, nor death more pain - ful.

T 8 *pp* Was ne-ver grief like mine, nor death more pain - ful.

B 8 grief, was ne - ver grief like mine, nor death more pain- ful.
grief like mine, nor death more pain- ful.