

This sweet and merry month

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Soprano
This sweet and mer-ry, mer-ry month of May,

Alto
This sweet and mer-ry, mer-ry month, and mer-ry, mer-ry month of _____ May,

Tenor
And mer-ry, mer-ry

Bass
And mer-ry, mer-ry

S
this sweet and mer-ry, mer-ry month of _____ May, of

A
and mer-ry, mer-ry month of _____ May, and

T
mer-ry month of _____ May, this sweet and

B
month of May, this sweet and mer-ry, mer-ry month of

S
May, While na - ture wan - _____ tons, wan - tons, wan -

A
mer-ry, mer-ry month of May, While na - ture wan - tons, wan - _____ tons, wan - tons in

T
mer-ry, mer-ry month of _____ May, While na - _____ ture wan - tons, wan - tons in her

B
May, While na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons,

10

S
tons in _____ her prime,

A
her _____ prime, And birds _____ do sing, _____ and birds do

T
prime, _____ And birds do sing, _____ and birds do

B
wan - tons in her prime, _____ And birds do sing, _____

S
And birds do sing, _____ and birds do sing, _____ and beasts do

A
sing, do sing, do sing, do sing, _____ and beasts do play, _____

T
sing, do sing, _____ and birds do sing, _____ and beasts do play, do

B
_____ and birds _____ do sing, _____ and beasts do play, _____ play, _____ and

S
play, _____ play, _____ and beasts do play, do play, and

A
play, _____ and beasts do play, _____ do play, and

T
play, _____ and beasts _____ do play, do play, _____ and beasts do

B
beasts, _____ and beasts do play, do play, do play,

25 30

S
beasts do play, do play, do play. For plea-sure, for-plea-sure,

A
beasts do play, do play, do play, do play. For plea-sure, for-plea-sure,

T
play, do play, and beasts do play. For plea-sure, for-plea-sure,

B
and beasts do play, do play, do play. For plea-sure, for-plea-sure,

35

S
of the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, I choose the first, I

A
of the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, I choose the first

T
of the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, I choose the first, I choose the first, the

B
of the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, I choose the first

40

S
choose the first for ho - li-day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - li -

A
for ho - li-day, ho - li-day, for ho- li - day, for ho - li - day,

T
first for ho- li-day, for ho- li-day, for ho- li - day, And greet

B
for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day,

45

S
za with a ___ rhyme, and greet, and greet E - li - za, E -

A
And greet E - li - za with ___ a rhyme, ___ and greet, and greet E - li - za, E -

T
E - li - za, E-li- ___ za with a ___ rhyme, and greet E - li- ___ za, E-li-

B
And greet E - li - za, and greet, and greet E - li - za, E -

50

S
li - za with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, a rhyme.

A
li - za with ___ a rhyme, ___ with a rhyme, a rhyme.

T
za with a rhyme, with a rhyme, ___ with a rhyme.

B
li - za with a rhyme, with a rhyme.

55

S
O, O beau - te - ous Queen, O

A
O, O beau - te - ous Queen, ___ O

T
O, O beau - te - ous Queen, O ___ beau -

B
O, O beau - te - ous Queen, O ___ beau - ___ te - ous

60

S beau- te - ous Queen of se - cond

A beau- te - ous Queen, of se - cond Troy,

T te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy, of

B Queen of se - cond Troy, of

65

S Troy, Take well in worth, take well in worth a

A of se - cond Troy, Take well in worth,

T se - cond Troy, Take well in worth, take well in worth

B se - cond Troy, Take well in worth, take

70

S sim-ple toy, take well in worth a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy, a

A take well in worth a sim-ple toy,

T a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy, take well in worth a sim-ple toy, a

B well in worth a sim-ple toy, take well in worth a sim-ple toy,

75

S
sim - ple toy, a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy, a sim -

A
a sim - ple toy, a sim-ple toy, take

T
8
sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, take well in worth

B
a sim-ple toy, take well in worth a sim-ple toy, a

80

S
ple, a sim-ple, a sim-ple, a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple

A
well in worth a sim-ple, a sim-ple, sim-ple toy, take well in

T
8
a sim-ple toy, take well in worth a sim - ple

B
sim-ple toy, a sim-ple, a sim-ple, a sim-ple toy, take

85

S
toy, a sim-ple toy.

A
worth a sim-ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.

T
8
toy, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim-ple toy.

B
well in worth a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy.