

This sweet and merry month of May

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

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

Sextus
This sweet and mer-ry mer-ry month, and mer-ry mer-ry month of

Medius
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This sweet

Contratenor
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And

Tenor

Bassus

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mer - ry month of May, of May, while na -

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

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and mer-ry mer-ry month, and mer-ry mer-ry month of May, while na - ture wan - tons,

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

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While na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in her -

While na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons

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- ture wan - tons in her Prime, _____ wan - tons in her Prime, _____
 while na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in her Prime, in her
 wan - tons in her Prime, while na - ture wan - tons in _____ her _____ Prime, in _____
 while na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in her Prime, in her _____
 _____ Prime, wan - tons in her Prime, _____ in her _____ Prime,
 in her Prime, while na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in _____ her

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and Byrds do sing, _____ and Byrds do sing, _____
 Prime, and Byrds do sing, _____ and Byrds do sing, _____
 _____ her Prime, and Byrds do sing, _____ and Byrds do sing, _____ do
 Prime, and Byrds do sing, _____ and Byrds do sing, _____ and Byrds do
 and Byrds do sing, _____ and Byrds do sing, _____
 Prime, and Byrds do sing, _____ and Byrds do

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and Byrds do sing, _____ and Beasts do play, do play, do play,

_____ and Beasts do play, do play, *and Beasts do*

sing, _____ and Beasts do play, *and Beasts do play,* do play, and Beasts do

sing, _____ and Beasts do play, *and Beasts do play,* do play, and

and Beasts do play, do play, *and Beasts do play, do play,*

sing, _____ and Beasts do play, do play, *and Beasts do play, _____*

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[o → o.]

and Beasts do play, do play,

play, do play, do play, and Beasts do _____ play,

play, do play, *and Beasts _____ to play,* do play,

Beasts do play, _____ do play, and Beasts _____ do play,

and Beasts do play, do play, do _____ play, do _____ play, *do _____ play,*

_____ do play, and Beasts do play, _____ do play, do _____ play, do play, *do play.*

[o. → o]

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for plea - sure of the joy - ful time, of the joy - ful

for plea - sure, of the joy - ful time, of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful

for plea - sure, for plea - sure of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time,

for plea - sure of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time, the joy - ful

for plea - sure, of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time, of the joy - ful

For plea - sure of the joy - ful time, of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful

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time, I choose the first for ho - li-day, ———

time, I choose the first for ho - li-day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li -

I choose the first for ho - li - day, for ho - li -

time, I choose the first for ho - li-day, for ho - li -

time, I choose the first for ho - li - day, for ho - li -

time, I choose the first for ho - li-day, I choose the first for ho - li - day,

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for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, and greet E - ly - za, E - ly - za with a Rhyme, with a
 - day, for ho - li - day,
 - day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, and greet E - ly -
 - day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, and greet E - ly - za, E - ly - za with a
 - day, for ho - li - day, and greet E - ly - za, E - ly - za with
 for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - ly - za, E - ly - za, with a

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Rhyme, and greet E - ly - za, E - ly - za, with a
 and greet E - ly - za, E - ly - za with a Rhyme, with a Rhyme, with a Rhyme,
 - za, E - ly - za with a Rhyme, with a Rhyme, and greet E - ly - za, E - ly - za, with a
 Rhyme, and greet E - ly - za, E - ly - za, and greet E - ly - za
 - a Rhyme, and greet E - ly - za, E - ly - za, and greet E - ly - za,
 Rhyme, with a Rhyme, and greet E - ly - za, E - ly -

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Rhyme, with a Rhyme, with a Rhyme, O

with a Rhyme, with a Rhyme, with a Rhyme, O

Rhyme, with a Rhyme, O

with a Rhyme, with a Rhyme, with a Rhyme. O

E - ly - za, with a Rhyme, with a Rhyme, O

- za, with a Rhyme, with a Rhyme, with a Rhyme, O

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

Beau - te - ous Queen, O Beau -

Beau - te - ous Queen [O Beau - te - ous

Beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy, O Beau - te - ous Queen

Beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy, O Beau - te -

Beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy, O Beau -

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take well in worth,
 - te - ous Queen of se - - cond Troy,
 Queen of se - - cond Troy, take well in worth a
 of se - - cond Troy, of se - cond Troy, take
 - ous Queen of se - cond, of se - cond, of se - cond Troy, take
 - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy, take well in worth,

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

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sim - ple toy, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy,
 [well in worth a sim - ple toy,] a sim - ple toy take well _____ in worth
 sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, a
 take well in worth a sim - ple toy, take well in worth
 sim - ple toy, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, take
 a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, take

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

Source: Thomas Watson, *The first sett, Of Italian Madrigalls Englished* (London, 1590), no.28.

II, III, V.30; I, IV, VI.31: *ts* ♮3

All voices, 36: *ts* ♮

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