

Ben Jonson  
(1572-1637)

# Hymn to Cynthia

Berthold Tours  
(1838-97)

*lento, ma non troppo*  
*dolce*

Soprano  
*p* Queen and hunt-ress, chaste and fair, Now the sun is laid to sleep, — *p* Seat-ed in thy

Alto  
*dolce*  
*p* Queen and hunt-ress, chaste and fair, Now the sun is laid to sleep, — *p* Seat-ed in thy

Tenor  
*dolce*  
*p* Queen and hunt-ress, chaste and fair, Now the sun is laid to sleep, — *p* Seat-ed in thy

Bass  
*dolce*  
*p* Queen and hunt-ress, chaste and fair, — Now the sun is laid to sleep, — *p* Seat-ed in thy

Piano  
*lento, ma non troppo*  
*p dolce*

S  
*dim.*  
sil-ver chair, *mf* State in won-ted man-ner keep, *mf* He - spe - rus en -

A  
*dim.*  
sil-ver chair, — *mf* State in won-ted man-ner keep, *mf* He - spe - rus en -

T  
*dim.*  
sil-ver chair, — *mf* State in won-ted man-ner keep, *mf* He - spe - rus en-treats

B  
*dim.* *cresc.*  
sil-ver chair, *mf* State in won-ted man-ner keep, — *mf* He-spe-rus en - treats thy light, en -

Piano  
*mf dim. cresc. mf*

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S *dim.* treats thy light, *pp* God-\_\_\_\_\_dess\_ *cresc.* ex-cel-lent-ly bright, ex-cel-lent-ly

A *dim.* treats, en-treats thy light, *pp* God - dess\_ *cresc.* ex-cel-lent-ly bright, ex-cel-lent-ly

T *dim.* thy light, *pp* God - dess\_ *cresc.* ex-cel-lent-ly bright, ex-cel-lent-ly

B *dim.* treats thy light, *pp* God - dess\_ *cresc.* ex-cel-lent-ly bright, ex-cel-lent-ly

*dim.* *pp* *cresc.*

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S *f* bright, *p* ex-cel-lent-ly *pp* bright. *poco più animando* *p* Earth, let not thy en-vious

A *f* bright, *p* ex-cel-lent-ly *pp* bright. *poco più animando* *p* Earth, let not thy en-vious

T *f* bright, *p* ex-cel-lent-ly *pp* bright. Earth, let not thy

B *f* bright, *p* ex-cel-lent-ly *pp* bright. Earth, let not thy

*f* *p* *pp* *poco più animando* *p*

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S shade Dare it-self to in-ter- pose; *cresc.* *dim.* *cresc.* *p* Cyn-thia's shi-ning orb was

A shade Dare it-self to in-ter- pose; *cresc.* *dim.* *cresc.* *p* Cyn-thia's shi-ning, shi - ning

T shade Dare it - self to in-ter - pose; *cresc.* *dim.* *cresc.* *p* Cyn - thia's shi-ning

B en-vious shade \_ Dare it - self to in-ter - pose; *cresc.* *dim.* *cresc.* *p* Cyn - thia's shi-ning

S made *dim.* *f* Heaven to cheer, when *pp* day did close.

A orb was made, was made *dim.* *f* Heaven to cheer, when *pp* day did close.

T orb was made, was made *dim.* *f* Heaven to cheer, when *pp* day did close. Bless \_ us

B orb was made, *dim.* *f* Heaven to cheer, when *pp* day did close.

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S *cresc.* *dim.*  
*p* Bless us, then, with wish - ed *mf* sight, — *pp* God - dess, God - dess

A *cresc.* *dim.*  
*p* Bless us, then, with wish - ed *mf* sight, — *pp* bless us, then, with sight, bless us, God - dess

T *cresc.* *dim.*  
*p* Bless us, then, with wish - ed *mf* sight, — *pp* God - dess, God - dess

B *cresc.* *dim.*  
*p* Bless us, then, with *mf* sight, — *pp* bless us, then, with sight, — bless us, God - dess —

*p cresc. mf dim. pp pp*

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S *cresc.* *dim.* *rit. e dim.*  
*p* ex-cel-lent - ly *f* bright! *mf* Lay - thy bow, thy bow of pearly a - part,

A *cresc.* *rit. e dim.*  
*p* ex-cel-lent - ly *f* bright! bow, thy bow of pearly a - part,

T *cresc.* *dim.*  
*p* ex-cel-lent - ly *f* bright! *p* thy bow of

B *cresc.*  
*p* ex-cel-lent - ly *f* bright!

*p cresc. f mf dim. rit. e dim.*

*tempo Imo* 35

S *pp* Lay thy bow of pearl a-part, And thy cry-stal shi-ning qui— ver, *p* Give un-to thy

A *pp* Lay thy bow of pearl a-part, And thy cry-stal shi-ning qui - ver, *p* Give un-to thy

T *pp* pearl, thy bow of pearl a-part, And thy cry-stal shi-ning qui— ver, *p* Give un-to thy

B *pp* Lay thy bow of pearl a-part, — And thy cry-stal shi-ning qui - ver, *p* Give un-to thy

*pp* *p*

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S *dim.* fly - ing hart *mf* Space to breathe, how short so - e - ver,

A *dim.* fly - ing hart *mf* Space to breathe, how short so - e - ver,

T *dim.* fly - ing hart *mf* Space to breathe, how short so - e - ver,

B *dim.* fly - ing hart *mf* Space to breathe, how short so - e - ver, *mf* Thou that mak'st a *cresc.*

*mf* *dim.* *cresc.*

S *mf* Thou that mak'st a day of night, *dim.* *pp* God-\_\_\_\_\_dess\_ ex-cel-lent-ly bright, *cresc.*

A *mf* Thou\_\_\_\_\_ that mak'st a day of night, *dim.* *pp* God - dess\_ ex-cel-lent-ly bright, *cresc.*

T *mf* Thou that mak'st a day\_\_\_\_\_ of night, *dim.* *pp* God - dess\_ ex-cel-lent-ly bright, *cresc.*

B day of night, a day of night, *dim.* *pp* God - dess\_ ex-cel-lent-ly bright, *cresc.*

*mf* *dim.* *pp* *cresc.*

S <sup>45</sup> ex - cel - lent - ly *f* bright, \_\_\_\_\_ *p* ex - cel - lent - ly *pp* bright. *rit.*

A ex - cel - lent - ly *f* bright, \_\_\_\_\_ *p* ex - cel - lent - ly *pp* bright. *rit.*

T ex - cel - lent - ly *f* bright, \_\_\_\_\_ *p* ex - cel - lent - ly *pp* bright. *rit.*

B ex - cel - lent - ly *f* bright, \_\_\_\_\_ *p* ex - cel - lent - ly *pp* bright. *rit.*

*f* *p* *rit.* *pp*