

Stay time a while thy flying

John Dowland (c.1563-1626)

Cantus
 Stay time a while thy fly - ing: Stay and pi -
 For Fates and friends have left me, And of com -

Altus
 Stay time a while thy fly - ing: Stay, and pi - ty
 For Fates and friends have left me, And of com - fort

Tenor
 Stay time a while thy fly - ing: Stay, stay, and pi - ty, pi -
 For Fates and friends have left me, And, and of com - fort, com -

Bassus
 Stay time a while thy fly - ing: Stay and pi - ty
 For Fates and friends have left me, And of com - fort

Lute
 c e c e b c b b
 c d c d c c c d a c d a c a a d
 e d e c e e e a c c a c d
 e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e

Lute tuning: (D), E, F, G, c, f, a, d', g'

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 -ty me dy - ing. Come, come close mine eyes, bet -
 -fort be - reft me. me. me. Come, come, close, close mine eyes,

me dy - ing. me. Come, come, close, close mine eyes,
 be - reft me. me. me. Come, come, close, close mine eyes,

-ty me dy - ing. me. Come, come, close mine eyes, bet - ter
 -fort be - reft me. me. me. Come, come, close, close mine eyes,

me dy - ing. me. Come, come, close, close mine eyes,
 be - reft me. me. me. Come, come, close, close mine eyes,

a c d a a c c e c a a c a
 c d e e e d a c a c a
 a c a /a /a e e c b c b e

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bet - ter to die bles - sed, Than to live, to live this dis - tress - ed.

bet - ter to die bles - sed, Than to live, to live thus dis - tress - ed.

to die bles - sed, Than to live, to live thus dis - tress - ed.

bet - ter to die bles - sed, Than to live, to live thus dis - tress - ed.

Lute tablature:

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| c | a | d | d | e | c | d | a | c | a | d | c | a | d | c | e | a |
| d | d | f | d | c | d | e | d | c | a | c | d | d | c | d | d | e |
| a | | e | c | e | d | e | e | a | a | a | a | a | a | e | e | e |

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