

# Leave, alas, this tormenting

n. 19 from *Of Thomas Morley the first booke of Balletts to five voyces, 1595*

## Original English text

Leave, alas, this tormenting and strange anguish,  
Or kill my hart oppressed,  
Alas, it skill not!  
For thus I will not,  
Now contented  
Then tormented,  
Live in love and languish.

## Modern english text

Leave, alas, this tormenting and strange anguish,  
Or kill my heart oppressed,  
Alas, it skill not!  
For thus I will not,  
Now contented  
Then tormented,  
Live in love and languish.

## Italian translation

*Lascia, ahimè, questa tormentosa e insolita angoscia,  
o uccidi il mio cuore oppresso,  
ahimè, lui non è preparato!  
Perché così non farò,  
ora contento  
poi tormentato,  
di vivere nell'amore e languire.*

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Thomas Morley  
(1557-1603)

[♩ = 72 ca.]

CANTUS  
ALTUS  
QUINTUS  
TENOR  
BASSUS

Leave, a - las, this tor - ment - - ing, leave, -

Leave, a - las, this tor - ment - - - ing, tor - - ment -

Leave, a - las, this tor - ment -

Leave, \_\_\_\_\_

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Leave, a - las, this tor - ment - - ing and strange an - guish, leave, -

- - ing, leave, a - las, this tor - ment - - ing and strange an - guish,

-ing, leave, a - las, this tor - ment - - - ting and strange an - guish, and

a - las, this tor - ment - - - - - ing and strange an - guish, and

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-las, this tor - ment - - ing, leave, a - las, this tor -

a - las, this tor ment - - ing, leave, a - las,

leave, a - las, this tor - ment - - ing, tor -

strange an - guish, leave, a - las, this tor - ment - ing, tor -

strange an - - - guish, leave, a - las, this tor -

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-ment - - - - - ting and strange an - - - - - guish,  
 this tor - ment - - ing and strange an - - - - - guish, Or kill my hart op -  
 -ment - - - - - ing and strange an - guish, Or kill my hart op -  
 -ment - - ing and strange an - guish, Or kill my hart op - press-  
 -ment - - - - - ing and strange an - guish, Or kill my hart op -

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Or kill my hart op - press - - - - - ed, A - las, it skill not, a - las, it  
 - press - ed, or kill my hart op - press - - - - - ed, A - las, it skill not, a - las, it  
 - prest, or kill my hart op - pres - - - - - ed, A - las, it skill not, a - las, -  
 - ed, or kill my hart op - prest, A - las, a - las, it skill not, a - las, it  
 - prest, A - las, it skill not, a - las, it

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skill not! For thus I will not, for thus I will not, Now con - ten - ted  
 skill not! For thus I will not, for thus I will not, Now con - ten - ted  
 it skill not! For thus I will not, for thus I will not, Now con - ten -  
 skill not! For thus I will not, for thus I will not, I will not, Now con - ten - ted  
 skill not! For thus I will not, for thus I will not, Now con - ten - ted

