

# I am Come into My Garden

from *The Continental Harmony* (1794)

SATB a cappella

William Billings  
(1746-1800)

(♩ = 60)

SOPRANO  
ALTO  
TENOR  
BASS

I am  
I am  
I am  
I am

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come in - to my gar - den, my sis - ter, my spouse,  
come in - to my gar - den, my sis - ter, my spouse,  
come in - to my gar - den, my sis - ter, my spouse,  
come in - to my gar - den, my sis - ter, my spouse, I have ga - ther - ed my myrrh with my spice,

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I have eat - en my hon - ey - comb, my hon - ey - comb with my hon - ey, I have drank my  
I have drank my  
I have drank my  
I have drank my

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wine with my milk. Eat, eat, O friends, drink, drink, O friends. Eat, O friends, a-

wine— with my milk. Eat, eat, O friends, drink, drink, O friends. Eat,

wine— with my milk. Eat, eat, O friends, drink, drink, O friends. Eat,

wine— with my milk. Eat, eat, O friends, drink, drink, O friends. Eat, O friends, a-

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-bun-dant - ly, and drink, O friends, a - bun-dant - ly, and drink, O friends, a - bun - dant - ly,

eat, eat, eat, O friends,— a - bun-dant - ly, Eat, O

eat, eat, eat, eat, eat, eat, a -

-bun-dant - ly, a - bun-dant - ly, a - bun-dant - ly, and— drink, O— friends, a - bun - dant - ly,

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Eat, O friends, and drink, O friends,

friends, a - bun-dant - ly, eat, O friends,— a - bun-dant - ly, drink, O friends, a - bun-dant -

-bun-dant - ly, a - bun-dant - ly, a - bun - dant - ly, and eat a - bun-dant - ly, a -

Eat, eat, O friends, eat, eat, drink, drink,

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eat, eat, O friends, a - bun - dant - ly.

-ly, eat, O friends, a - bun - dant - ly.

-bun - dant - ly, and eat, O friends, a - bun - dant - ly.

O friends, and eat, O friends, a - bun - dant - ly. I sleep, but my heart wak - eth;

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O - pen to me,

O - pen to me,

O - pen to me, my sis - ter, my

It is the voice of my be - lov - ed, say - ing: O - pen to me,

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For my head is fill'd with dew, And my

love, my dove, my un - de - fil - ed, For my head is fill'd with dew, And my

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locks with the drops— of the night. I o - pen'd to my— be - lov - ed,

locks with the drops— of the night.

locks with the drops— of the night.

locks with the drops— of the night.

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But my be - lov - ed had with-drawn him - self,

And— he was

And he was gone.

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I sought him, I sought him, but I could not find him;

gone. I sought him, I sought him, but I could not find him;

I sought him, I sought him, but I could not find him;

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I call'd him,— I call'd him, I call'd him, I call'd him, but he gave—

I call'd him, I call'd him, I call'd him, I call'd him, but he gave—

I call'd him, I call'd him, I call'd him, I call'd him, but he gave—

I call'd him, I call'd him, I call'd him, I call'd him, but he gave—

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me no an - swer. Stay me with flag - ons, com-fort me with ap - ples, For

me no an - swer.

me no an - swer.

me no an - swer.

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I— am sick— of love. Make haste, my be - lov - ed, make

Make haste, my be - lov - ed, make

Make haste, my be - lov - ed, make

Make haste, my be - lov - ed, make

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haste, my be - lov - ed, and be like a roe, and be like a roe, and

haste, my be - lov - ed, and be like a roe, and be like a roe, and

haste, my be - lov - ed, and be like a roe, and be like a roe, and

haste, my be - lov - ed, and be like a roe, and be like a roe, and

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be like a roe Or a young hart up - on the Moun - tains, the

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be like a roe Or a young hart up - on the Moun - tains, the

be like a roe Or a young hart up - on the Moun - tains, the

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moun - tains, the moun - tains, the moun - tains, the moun - tains, the moun - tains of spic - es.

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