

It was a time when silly Bees could speak

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Cantus

It was a time when sil - ly Bees could
 Then thus I buzzed, when time no sap would
 My liege, Gods grant thy time may ne - ver

Altus

It was a time, a time when sil - ly Bees could
 Then thus I buzzed, I buzzed, when time no sap would
 My liege, Gods grant, Gods grant thy time may ne - ver

Tenor

It was a time, a time when sil - ly Bees could
 Then thus I buzzed, I buzzed, when time no sap would
 My liege, Gods grant, Gods grant thy time may ne - ver

Bassus

It was a time, a time when sil - ly Bees could
 Then thus I buzzed, I buzzed, when time no sap would
 My liege, Gods grant, Gods grant thy time may ne - ver

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speak, And in that time I was a sil - ly
 give, Why should this bles - sed time to me be
 end, And yet vouch - safe to hear my 'plaint of

speak, And in that time I was, I was a sil - ly
 give, Why should this bles - sed time, this time to me be
 end, And yet vouch - safe to hear, to hear my 'plaint of

speak, And in that time I was a sil - ly
 give, Why should this bles - sed time to me be
 end, And yet vouch - safe to hear my 'plaint of

speak, And in that time I was a sil - ly
 give, Why should this bles - sed time to me be
 end, And yet vouch - safe to hear my 'plaint of

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Bee, Who fed on time un - til my heart 'gan
dry, Sith by this Time the la - zy drone doth
Time, Which fruit - less Flies have found to have a

Bee, Who fed on time un - til my heart, my heart 'gan
dry, Sith by this Time the la - zy drone, the drone doth
Time, Which fruit - less Flies have found to have, to have a

⁸ Bee, Who fed on time un - til my heart 'gan
dry, Sith by this Time the la - zy drone doth
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Time, Which fruit - less Flies have found to have a

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break, Yet ne - ver found the time would fa - vor
live, The wasp, the worm, the gnat, the but - ter -
friend, And I cast down when A - to - mies do

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live, The wasp, the worm, the gnat, the but - ter -
friend, And I cast down when A - to - mies do

⁸ break, Yet ne - ver found the time, the time would fa - vor
live, The wasp, the worm, the gnat, the gnat, the but - ter -
friend, And I cast down, cast down when A - to - mies do

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live, The wasp, the worm, the gnat, the but - ter -
friend, And I cast down when A - to - mies do

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me, Of all the swarm I on - ly did
- fly, Mat - ted with grief, I kneel - ed on
climb. The king re - plied but thus, Peace peev-

me, Of all the swarm I on - ly, I on - ly
- fly, Mat - ted with grief, I kneel - ed, I kneel - ed
climb. The king re - plied but thus, Peace peev - ish,

⁸ me, Of all the swarm, the swarm I on - ly, on - ly
- fly, Mat - ted with grief, with grief, I kneel - ed, kneel - ed
climb. The king re - plied, re - plied but thus, Peace peev-ish,

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- fly, Mat - ted with grief, with grief, I kneel - ed, I kneel - ed
climb. The king re - plied, re - plied but thus, Peace peev - ish,

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not thrive, Yet brought I wax and ho - ney
my knees, And thus com - plained un - to the
- ish Bee, Thou art bound to serve the time, the

did not thrive, Yet brought I wax and ho - ney, ho -
on my knees, And thus com - plained un - to the king,
peev-ish Bee, Thou art bound to serve the time, the time,

⁸ did not thrive, Yet brought I wax and ho -
on my knees, And thus com - plained un - to
peev-ish Bee, Thou art bound to serve the time,

did not thrive, Yet brought I wax and ho - ney
on my knees, And thus com - plained un - to the
peev-ish Bee, Thou art bound to serve the time, the

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to the hive.
king of Bees.
time not thee.



- ney to the hive.
the king of Bees.
the time not thee.



⁸ - ney to the hive.
the king of Bees.
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