

# His golden locks time hath to silver turned

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(1533-1611)

John Dowland (c.1563-1626)

Cantus

1. His gol - den locks time hath to sil - ver  
 2. His hel - met now shall make a hive for  
 3. And when he sad - dest sits in home - ly

Altus

1. His gol - den locks time hath to sil - ver, to sil - ver  
 2. His hel - met now shall make, shall make a hive for  
 3. And when he sad - dest sits in home - ly, home - ly

Tenor

1. His gol - den locks time hath to sil - ver  
 2. His hel - met now shall make a hive for  
 3. And when he sad - dest sits in home - ly

Bassus

1. His gol - den locks time hath to sil - ver  
 2. His hel - met now shall make a hive for  
 3. And when he sad - dest sits in home - ly

Lute

Lute tuning: D, G, c, f, a, d', g'

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turned, O time too swift, O swift - ness ne - ver  
 bees, And lo - ver's son - nets turn to ho - ly  
 cell, He'll teach his swains this ca - rol for a

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 bees, And, and lo-ver's, lo - ver's son-nets turn to ho - ly  
 cell, He'll, he'll teach his swains, he'll teach his swains this car - rol for a

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 bees, And lo - ver's son - nets turn to ho - ly  
 cell, He'll teach his swains this ca - rol for a



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Beau - ty, strength, youth, are flowers but fad - ing seen, Du -  
 But though from court to cot - tage he de - part, His  
 Ye gods, al - low this a - ged man his right, To

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Tablature: a c e e d c d c d c d a a c e e d c e e c

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- ty, faith, love, are roots and e - ver green.  
 - saint is sure of his un - spot - ted heart.  
 - be your beads - man now that was your knight.

- ty, du - ty, faith, love, are roots and e - ver green.  
 saint, his saint is sure of his un - spot - ted heart.  
 be, to be your beads - man now that was your knight.

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Source: John Dowland, *The First Booke of Songes or Ayres* (London, 3rd & 5th editions, 1606 & 1613), no.18.

15-16, all voices: *her* for *him* in earlier (Elizabethan) editions; 18, all voices: *goddess* for *ye gods*.  
 18: ts ♣, all parts.

Underlay of 2nd & 3rd stanzas is editorial.