

If floods of tears

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Soprano

1. If floods of tears could cleanse my fol - lies past,
2. I see my hopes must wi - ther in their bud;

Alto

1. If floods of tears could cleanse my fol - lies past,
2. I see my hopes must wi - ther in their bud;

Tenor

8 1. If floods of tears could cleanse my fol - lies past,
2. I see my hopes must wi - ther in their bud;

Bass

1. If floods of tears could cleanse my fol - lies past,
2. I see my hopes must wi - ther in their bud;

S

And smokes of sighs might sa - cri - fice for sin:
I see my fa - vours are no last - ing flowers.

A

And smokes of sighs might sa - cri - fice for sin;
I see my fa - vours are no last - ing flowers.

T

8 And smokes of sighs might sa - cri - fice for sin;
I see my fa - vours are no last - ing flowers.

B

And smokes of sighs might sa - cri - fice for sin;
I see my fa - vours are no last - ing flowers.

S

If groan - ing cries might salve my fault at last,
I see that words will breed no bet - ter good

A

If groan - ing cries might salve my fault at last,
I see that words will breed no bet - ter good

T

8 If groan - ing cries might save my fault at last,
I see that words will breed no bet - ter good

B

If groan - ing cries might salve my fault at last,
I see that words will breed no bet - ter good

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S Or end-less moan, for er- ror par- don win,
 Than loss of time and light- 'ning, but at hours.

A Or end-less moan, for er- ror par- don win,
 Than loss of time and light- 'ning, but at hours.

T 8 Or end-less moan, for er- ror par- don win,
 Than loss of time and light- 'ning, but at hours.

B Or end-less moan, for er- ror par- don win:
 Than loss of time and light- 'ning, but at hours.

S Then would I cry, weep, sigh and e- ver moan,
 Thus when I see, then thus I say there- fore,

A Then would I cry, weep, sigh and e- ver moan,
 Thus when I see, then thus I say there- fore,

T 8 Then would I cry, weep, sigh and e- ver moan, Mine
 Thus when I see, then thus I say there- fore, That

B Then would I cry, weep, sigh and e- ver moan,
 Thus when I see, then thus I say there- fore,

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S Mine er- rors, faults, sins, fol- lies past and gone.
 That fa- vours, hopes and words can blind no more.

A Mine er- rors, faults, er- rors, faults, sins, fol- lies past and gone.
 That fa- vours, hopes, fa- vours, hopes and words can blind no more.

T 8 er- rors, mine er- rors, faults, sins, sins, fol- lies past and gone.
 fa- vours, that fa- vours, hopes and words, words can blind no more.

B Mine er- rors, mine er- rors, faults, sins, fol- lies past and gone.
 That fa- vours, that fa- vours, hopes and words can blind no more.

** but at hours=except at prayer