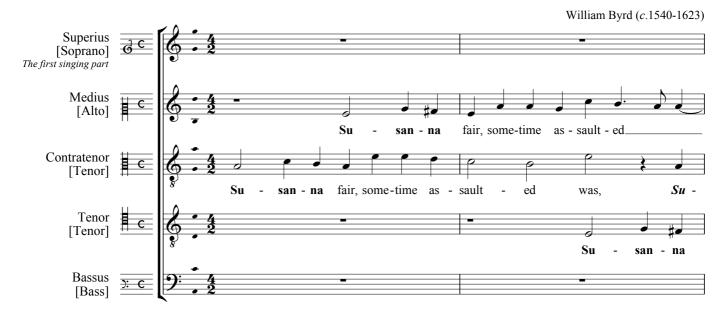
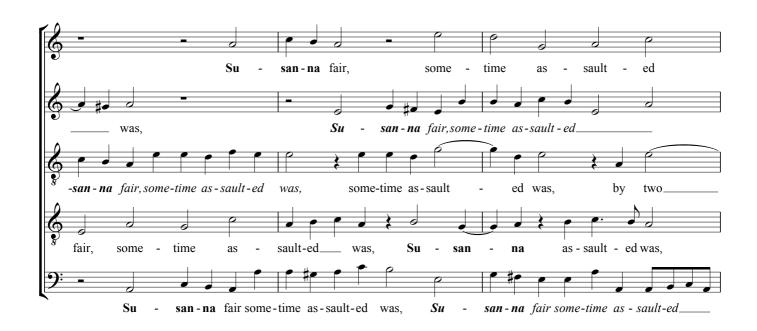
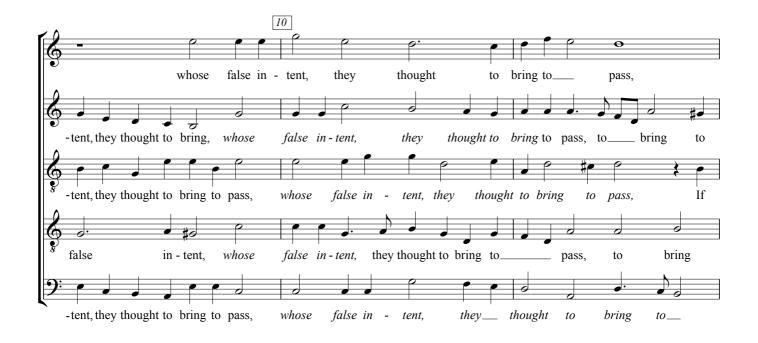
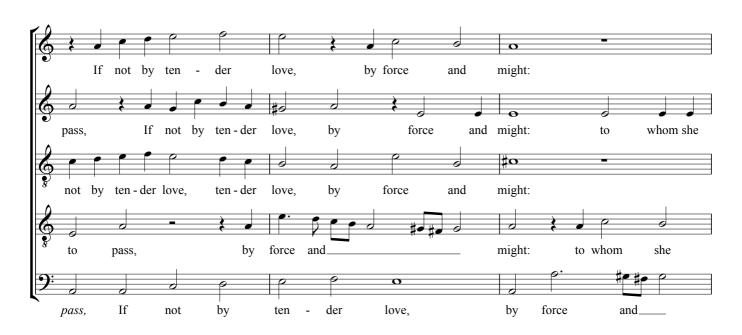
## Susanna fair



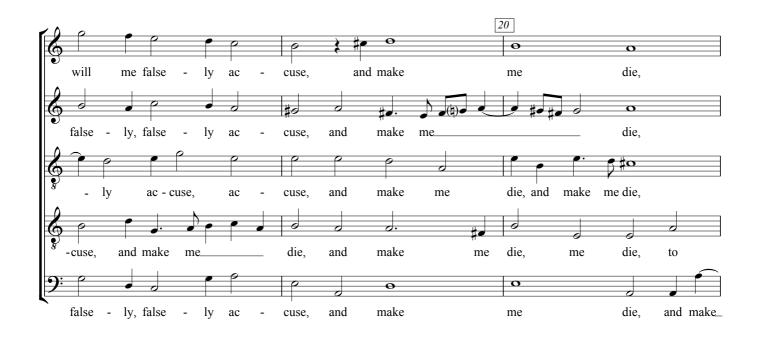


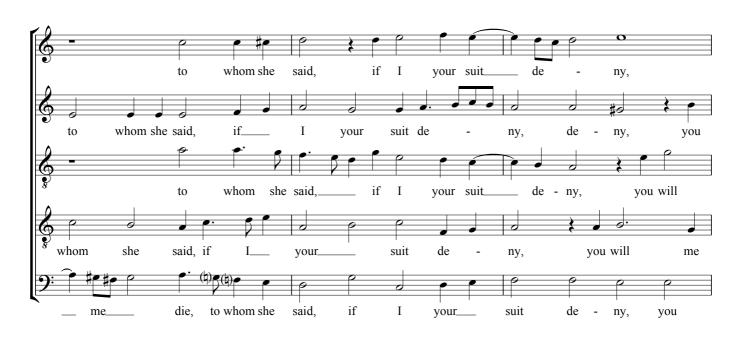














- Susanna faire, sometime assaulted was, by two old men desiring their delight: whose false entent, they thought to bring to passe, If not by tender love, by force & might: to whom she said, if I your sute denye, you will mee falsely accuse, and make mee die.
- 2. And if I graunt to that which you request, my chastitie shall then defloured bee, which is so deere to mee that I detest my lyfe, if it beerefted bee from mee:

  And rather would I dye of mine accord, ten thousand times, then once offend the Lord.

Source: William Byrd, Psalmes, Sonets, & songs of sadnes and pietie (London, 1588), no.29.

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