

BUT DO THY WORST TO STEAL THYSELF AWAY

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Wm. Shakespeare (Sonnet XCII)

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Soprano

Alto

Baritone

Piano

Solo: p

p *dolce*

But do thy worst to steal thy - self a - way, _ For term of

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life thou art _ as - sur - éd mine; And life no long - er than ___ thy _ love will

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stay, For it de - pends up - on ___ that _ love of thine, ___ For it de - pends up - on ___ that _ love of

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Tutti: mf

thine. Then need I not to fear the ___ worst of wrongs, When in the

sempre dolce

mf

When in the

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27 *mf*

I see a bet - ter state to ___

least of them my_ life hath end. I see a bet - ter state__ to__

least of them my_ life hath end. I see a bet - ter state to

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me be - longs Than that which on thy hu - mour_ doth de - pend;

me be - longs Than that which on thy hu - mour_ doth de - pend;

me__ be - longs Than that which on thy hu - mour doth de - pend;__

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f Thou canst not vex me

— Than that which on thy hu-mour doth de-pend: *f* Thou canst not vex me

— Than that which on thy hu-mour doth de-pend: *f* Thou canst not vex me

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with in - cons-tant mind, Since that my life on thy re - volt doth lie.

with in - cons-tant mind, Since that my life on thy re - volt doth lie.

with in - cons-tant mind, Since that my life on thy re - volt doth lie.

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dim.

O! what a hap - py ti - tle do I find, Hap - py to have thy

dim.

O! what a hap - py ti - tle do I find, Hap - py to have thy

dim.

O! what a hap - py ti - tle do I find, Hap - py to have thy

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love, hap - py to die!

mp

love, hap - py to die,

mp

Hap - py to have thy love, ha - py to die!

love, hap - py to die!

Hap - py to have thy love, hap - py to die!

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Solo: *p*

But what's so blesséd - fair that fears no blot? Thou mayst be false, And yet

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I know it not.

molto rall. e dim.

in tempus resignationis