

# MY LOVE IS STRENGTHEN'D

(from "Book of Sonnets" - for Leslie)

(4/4) ♩ = 84

Sop. Solo

Soprano

Alto

Baritone

Piano

*f* My love is strength-en'd, Though more weak in seem-ing;

*f* My love is strength-en'd, *mp*

My love is strength-en'd Though more

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*mp* Though more weak, *mf* I love not less, Though less

*mp* Though more weak, Though more weak in seem-ing, *mf* I love not less, Though

weak, Though more weak in seem-ing, I love not less,

*sim.*

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the show Ap-pear, Though less the show Ap-pear,  
 less the show Ap-pear, Though less The show ap-pear, I love not less, Though less the show Ap -  
 Though less The show ap-pear, I love not less, Though less the show Ap -

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*f* That love is.. *mf* That love is mer-chan-dis'd *f* Whose rich es-teem - ing  
 pear, *f* That love is.. *mf* That love is mer-chan-dis'd *f* Whose rich es - teem -  
 pear, *f* That love is.. *mf* That love is mer-chan-dis'd *f* Whose rich, whose rich es - teem -

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19 *mf*

The own-er's tongue Doth pub-lish, Doth pub-lish Doth pub-lish ev - 'ry - where. \_\_\_\_\_

*mf*

ing, The own-er's tongue Doth pub-lish, Doth pub-lish ev - 'ry - where. The

*mf*

ing, The own-er's tongue Doth pub-lish ev - 'ry-where. Doth pub-lish ev-'ry-where, The

*sim.*

23 *f*

Our love was new! \_\_\_\_\_

*f*

own - er's tongue doth pub-lish, Doth pub - lish ev - 'ry - where. Our love was

*f*

own - er's tongue doth pub-lish, Doth pub - lish ev - 'ry - where. Our love was new!

*sim.*

*7*

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*mf* And then but in the spring, *f* And then but in the spring When

new! *mf* Our love was new! And then but in the spring, But in the spring, \_\_\_\_\_

Our love was new! *mf* And then but in the spring, And then but

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*mf* I was wont to greet it with my laies, \_\_\_\_\_ When I was wont to greet it with my

*f* When I was wont to greet it with my laies, \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* When

*f* in the spring When I was wont to greet it with my laies, \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* When I was wont to

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*from a distance*

laies, *dim.*  
I was wont to greet it with my laies, greet it with my laies,

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*mp* Ah *mp* Ah  
As Phi - lo - mell in sum - mer's front doth sing  
*pp*

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And stops his pipe  
And stops his pipe in growth of rip - er days,  
In growth of rip - er days:  
And stops his pipe  
And stops his pipe in growth of rip - er days,  
In growth of rip - er days, Not  
And stops his pipe  
And stops his pipe in growth of rip - er days,  
In growth of rip - er days,

*mf*  
*-mf*  
*mf*  
*sim.*

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Ah  
Not that the sum-mer is less plea - sant now,  
Not that the sum - mer is less plea - sant now Then when her  
that, not that the sum-mer is less plea - sant now, Not that the sum - mer is less plea - sant now Then when her  
Not that the sum-mer is less pea - sant now, Not that the sum-mer is less plea-sant now Then when her

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*dim.* Ah *p*

mourn - ful hymns *dim.* did hush, Hush *p* The night,

mourn - ful hymns *dim.* did hush, Hush *p* The night,

mourn - ful hymns *dim.* did hush, Hush *p* The night,

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Ah *mp*

But that

*mp*

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*mp*

But \_\_\_ that wild \_\_\_ mu- sic, But \_\_\_ that wild \_\_\_ mu- sic burth-ens ev - 'ry bough,

wild \_\_\_ mu-sic burth -ens ev - 'ry bough, But \_\_\_ that wild \_\_\_ mu- sic, But \_\_\_ that wild \_\_\_ mu- sic burth-ens ev - 'ry bough,

*mp*

But \_\_\_ that wild \_\_\_ mu- sic, But \_\_\_ that wild \_\_\_ mu-sic burth-ens ev - 'ry bough, But \_\_\_ that

*sim.*

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*mf*

And sweets grow com-mon lose their dear de- light, \_\_\_ And sweets grow com-mon lose their

*mf*

And sweets, and sweets grow com-mon lose their dear de - light, \_\_\_ And

*mf*

wild \_\_\_ mu - sic, And sweets grow com - mon lose their dear de -light, \_\_\_ And sweets grow



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*f*

dear de-light. There - fore like her, *f*

sweets, and sweets grow com-mon lose their dear de-light. There - fore like

com - mon lose their dear de-light. There -fore like her, *sim.*

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*mf* *f*

her, *mf* I some - time hold my tongue, *f* Be - cause I would not

I some - time hold my tongue, I some - time hold.. Be - cause I would not

I some - time hold my tongue, I some - time hold my tongue, Be - cause I would not

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*dim.* *p* Ah

dull you with My song.

*dim.* *p*

dull you with My song.

*dim.* *p*

dull you with My song.

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*dim.*

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