

AS A DECREPIT FATHER TAKES DELIGHT

(from "Book of Sonnets" - for Leslie)

Wm. Shakespeare (Sonnet XXXVII)

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mf 3

Soprano: As a de-crep-it__ fa

Alto: As a de-crep-it__ fa - ther takes de - light To see his ac - - tive_ child__ do

Baritone: [rest]

Piano: [piano accompaniment]

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- ther takes de - light To see His ac - - tive_ child__ do deeds of youth;

deeds of__youth, De-light To see His ac - tive_ child do deeds of youth; So

Piano: [piano accompaniment]

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So I, _____ Made lame by For - tune's dear-est_ spight

I made lame by For - tune's dear-est_ spight Take

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Take all_ my com - fort of thy worth and truth. For wheth - er

all_ my com - fort Of thy worth and truth.

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beau- ty, Birth, Or wealth, or wit, Or an- y of these all, All, Or all or more, For wheth-er

For wheth-er beau - ty, Birth, _ or wealth, or wit, Or an- y of these all, _ or all, or more, .

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beau- ty, Birth, Or wealth, or wit, Or an- y of these all, All, Or all or more, ___

For wheth-er beau - ty, Birth _ or wealth, or wit, Or an- y of these all, _ or all, or more, ___

For wheth-er beau - ty, Birth, _ or weath, or wit, Or an- y of these all, _ or all, or more, ___

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27 *f* En - ti - tled in thy parts, Do crown - éd sit, I make_ my love_ en - graft'd_ to this store: *dim.*

En - ti - tled in thy parts, Do crown - éd sit, I make_ my love_ en - graft - ed to this store: *dim.*

En - ti - tled in thy parts, Do crown - éd sit, I make_ my love_ en - graft - ed to this store: *dim.*

32 *mf* So then I am not lame, Not lame, poor, nor de - spis'd, _____

mf So then I am not lame, Not lame, poor, nor de - spis'd, _____

mf So then I am not lame, Not lame, poor, _____

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Not lame, poor, nor de - spis'd Whilst that this sha - dow doth such

Whilst That This sha - dow doth Such Sub-stance_ give, _

nor de - spis'd Whilst That This sha - dow doth such sub - stance_ give, _

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sub-stance_ give, _ That I In thy A - bun - dance_ am suf -

That I In thy A - bun - dance_ am suf - ficed,

That I In thy A - bun - dance_ am suf - ficed,

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ficed, *f* And by a part_ of all_ thy glo - ry live; *mf* Look, look, look what is best That best

f And by a part_ of, And by a part_ of all_ thy glo - ry live; *mf* Look, look what is best That best

f And by a part_ of, And by a part_ of all thy glo - ry live; *mf* Look what is best That best

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dim. I wish In thee;_ This wish I have,_ Then ten_ times hap - py me.

dim. I wish In thee;_ This wish I have,_ Then ten_ times hap - py me.

dim. I wish In thee;_ This wish I have,_ Then ten_ times hap - py me.

p non rit. ppp

tempore fabula