

Alto

This sweet and merry month of May

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

8 This sweet and mer-ry, mer-ry month, and mer-ry mer-ry month of _____ May, and

6 mer-ry, mer-ry month of _____ May, and mer-ry, mer-ry month of May, While Na - ture wan - tons, wan -

12 - tons, wan - tons in _____ her _____ Prime, And birds _____ do sing, _____ and birds do sing, do

18 sing, do sing, _____ do sing, _____ and beasts do play, _____ play, _____ and beasts do play, _____

24 _____ do play, and beasts do play, do play, _____ do play, do play, For plea - sure,

30 for plea - sure of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time: I

36 choose the first for ho - li-day, ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, And greet E -

43 li - za, with _____ a rhyme, _____ and greet, and greet E - li - za, E - li - za with _____ a rhyme, _____

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with a rhyme, a rhyme. O, O beau - te-ous Queen,

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O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy,

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of se - cond Troy, Take well in worth, take well in worth a sim-ple toy,

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a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, take

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well in worth a sim - ple, a sim - ple, sim - ple toy, take well in worth a

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sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy. toy.