

1. My heavy sprite

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The musical score consists of four staves of music, likely for a consort of voices. The top two staves are soprano and alto, and the bottom two are bass and tenor. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes, with vertical lines indicating where each note or group of notes corresponds to a particular syllable. Fingerings are indicated above the notes in some cases. Measure numbers 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 are marked at the beginning of each system.

My heavy sprite,
op- prest with sor- row's might,
the bur- den sore sus- tains,
with si- lent groans,

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groans and heart's tears still com- plains,
yet I breathe still and

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live in life's des- pight.

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Have
I lost thee?

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All for- tunes I ac- curse, bids

1) d in orig.

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thee fare- well, with thee all joys fare- well,

and for thy sake this world be-

comes my hell, and for thy

sake this world be- comes my hell.