

Bonny sweet Robin

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The musical score consists of six horizontal staves, each representing a string of a six-stringed instrument like a lute or guitar. The strings are numbered 1 through 6 from top to bottom. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. Measure numbers are placed above the staff at various points: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35. Below the staff, lyrics are written in a Gothic script, corresponding to the rhythm and pitch indicated by the tablature. The lyrics describe a bird named 'Robin'.

1) Note one course higher in orig.
2) 2 rhythm flags double value in orig.

40

45

50

1)

2)

3)

3)

4)

5)

1) "d" in orig.

2) 2 rhythm flags half value in orig.

3) Optional bass note added by editor.

4) Note one course higher in orig.

5) "a" in orig.