

# This sweet and merry month of May,

Superius

William Byrd (c. 1540 - 1623)

This sweet and mer-ry, mer-ry month (and mer-ry, mer-ry  
month) of May, and mer-ry month of May, of May,  
While Na - ture wan-tons in her prime, wan-tons in her  
prime, And birds do sing, And birds do  
sing, And birds do sing, and beasts do play, do play,  
do play, and beasts do play, do play,  
For plea-sure of the joy-ful time, of the joy-ful  
time, I choose the first for ho-liday, for ho-li-  
day, for ho-li-day, And greet E-li - za, E-li - za, with a rhyme, with a  
rhyme, And greet E - li - za, E - li - za, with a rhyme, with a

56 G.P.

rhyme, with a rhyme, O beau - teous Queen of se - cond Troy,

66 D

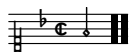
Take well in worth, Take well in worth,

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a simple toy, a simple toy, Take well in worth, a simple toy,

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



# This sweet and merry month of May,

Sextus

William Byrd (c. 1540 - 1623)

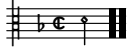
5 This sweet and merry, merry month, and merry, merry month of  
12 May, and merry month of May, of May, While Na-ture  
17 wan-tons, wan-tons in her prime, in her prime, And  
22 birds do sing, And birds do sing, and beasts do play, do  
28 play, and beasts do play, do play, do play, and beasts do  
34 play, For pleasure of the joy-ful time,  
39 of the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, I choose the first for ho-liday,  
47 for ho - liday, for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day,  
53 And greet E - li - za, E - li - za, with a rhyme, with a rhyme,  
with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a

58 G.P.  
rhyme, O beau - teous Queen, O beau - teous Queen

69 D  
of se - cond Troy, Take well in worth, a simple toy, a

77  
simple toy, Take well in worth, a simple toy, a simple toy,

83  
Take well in worth, a simple toy, a sim - ple toy, a simple toy.



# This sweet and merry month of May,

Medius

William Byrd (c. 1540 - 1623)

This sweet and merry, merry month, and merry, merry  
7 A  
month of May, While Na - ture wan-tons, wan-tons in her prime, While  
12 B  
Nature wan-tons in her prime, in her prime, And birds do  
17  
sing, And birds do sing, do sing,  
21  
and beasts do play, and beasts do play, do play, and beasts do  
25  
play, do play, and beasts do play, do play, For pleasure,  
31  
For pleasure of the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time,  
36  
I choose the first for ho - liday, for ho-li-day, for ho-li-

43 C

day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - li - za, E - li -

49

za, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, And greet E - li - za, E - li - za, with a

54 G.P.

rhyme, with a rhyme, O beau - teous

62

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

70 D

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

75

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

80

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

85

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



# This sweet and merry month of May,

Contratenor

William Byrd (c. 1540 - 1623)

and mer-ry, mer-ry month, and

6 A  
merry, merry month of May, While Na - ture wan-tons,

12 B  
wan-tons in her prime, in her prime, And birds do

16  
sing, And birds do sing, And birds do sing,

21  
and beasts do play, and beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play,

26  
do play, and beasts do play, For plea-sure

33  
of the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, I

39  
choose the first for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, for ho - li-

44 C  
day, And greet E - li - za, E - li - za, with a rhyme, And greet E - li - za,

50  
E - li - za, And greet E - li - za, with a rhyme, with a rhyme,

56 G.P.



with a rhyme, O beau - teous Queen of

63



second Troy, O beau-teous Queen of se - cond Troy, of second

71 D



Troy, Take well in worth, a simple toy, Take well in worth, a

77



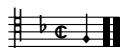
simple toy, a simple toy, Take well in worth, a

84



simple toy, Take well in worth, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy,





# This sweet and merry month of May,

Tenor

William Byrd (c. 1540 - 1623)

8 While Na - ture wan-tons,

9 wan-tons in her prime, wan-tons in her prime, in her prime,

15 And birds do sing, And birds do sing, and

21 beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play, do play, and beasts do

26 play, do play, do play, do play, do play, For pleasure

32 of the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, of the joy-ful time,

37 I choose the first for ho-liday, for ho-li-day, for ho-li-

44 day, And greet E - li - za, E - li - za, with a rhyme, And greet E -

50 li - za, with a rhyme, And greet E - li - za, with a rhyme, with

56 a rhyme, with a rhyme, O beau-te-ous Queen of se-cond

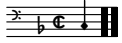
G.P.

64  Troy, O beau-te-ous Queen of second, of second, of second Troy,

72  Take well in worth, a simple toy, Take well in worth, a

78  simple toy, a simple toy, Take well in worth, a simple toy,

84  Take well in worth, a sim - ple toy, a simple toy, a sim - ple toy.



# This sweet and merry month of May,

Bassus

William Byrd (c. 1540 - 1623)

A



While Na-ture wantons, wantons



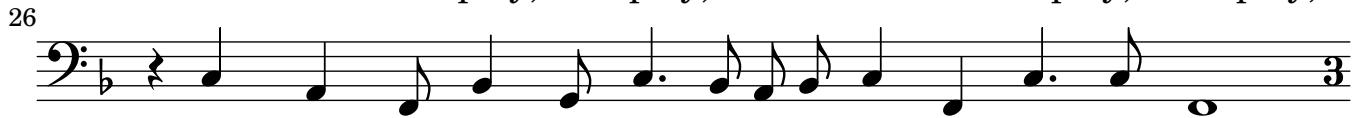
in her prime, While Na - ture wan-tons, wan-tons in her



prime, And birds do sing, And birds do sing,



and beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play, do play,



and beasts do play, do play, do play, do play, do play,



For plea-sure of the joy-ful time, of the joy-ful



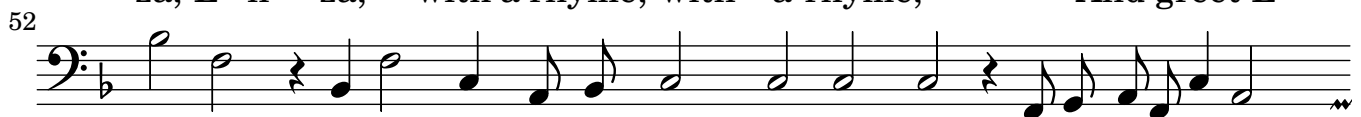
time, the joy-ful time, I choose the first for ho-liday, I choose the



first for ho - li day, for ho - li day, for ho - li day, And greet E - li -



za, E - li - za, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, And greet E -



li - za, E - li - za, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a

58 G.P.  
 rhyme, O beau - te-ous Queen of se-cond Troy,  
 66 O beau - te-ous Queen of se-cond Troy, Take well in worth,  
 73 Take well in worth, a sim-ple toy, Take well in worth, a  
 78 sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy,  
 84 Take well in worth, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.

# This sweet and merry month of May,

William Byrd (c. 1540 - 1623)

This sweet and merry, merry month and merry, merry month) of May, and merry month of  
 This sweet and merry, merry month, and merry, merry month of May, and  
 This sweet and merry, merry  
 and merry, merry month, and  
 May, of May, While Nature wan-tons in her prime,  
 mer - ry month of May, of May, While Nature - - ture  
 month, and merry, merry month of May, While Nature wan tons, wan - tons in her prime, While  
 merry, merry month of May, While Nature wan tons,  
 While Nature wan-tons, wan-tons in her prime, wan-tons  
 While Nature wan-tons, wan-tons in her prime, While Nature  
 wan - tons in her prime, And birds do sing,  
 wan - tons, wan-tons in her prime, in her prime, And birds do sing,  
 Nature wan - tons in her prime, in her prime, And birds do sing,  
 wan - tons in her prime, in her prime, And birds do sing, And birds do  
 in her prime, in her prime, And birds do sing, And  
 - ture wan-tons, wan - tons in her prime, And birds do

And birds do sing, And birds do sing, and beasts do play, do play,  
 And birds do sing, and beasts do play, do play,  
 And birds do sing, do sing, and beasts do play, and beasts do play, do  
 sing, And birds do sing, and beasts do play, and beasts do play, do  
 birds do sing, and beasts do play, do play, and beasts do  
 sing, And birds do sing, and beasts do play, do play, and  
 do play, and beasts do play, do play,  
 and beasts do play, do play, do play, and beasts do play, For plea-  
 play, and beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play, do play, For pleasure,  
 play, and beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play,  
 play, do play, and beasts do play, do play, do play, do play, do play, For plea-  
 beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play, do play, do play, do play, do play,  
 For pleasure of the joy-ful time, of the joy-ful time,  
 of the joy-ful time, of the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, I choose the first for  
 For pleasure of the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, I choose the first for ho-  
 For pleasure of the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time,  
 of the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, of the joy-ful time, I choose the  
 For pleasure of the joy-ful time, of the joy-ful time, the joy-ful time, I choose the first for

I choose the first for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, And greet E - li -  
 ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day,  
 - li-day, for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day,  
 I choose the first for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, And greet E - li -  
 first for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, And greet E -  
 ho - li-day, I choose the first for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, for ho - li-day, And greet E - li -  
 za, E - li - za, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, And greet E -  
 And greet E - li - za, E - li - za, with a rhyme,  
 And greet E - li - za, E - li - za, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, And greet E - li -  
 - za, E - li - za, with a rhyme, And greet E - li - za, E - li - za, And  
 li - za, E - li - za, with a rhyme, And greet E - li - za, with a rhyme,  
 za, E - li - za, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, And greet E -  
 li - za, E - li - za, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a  
 with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a  
 - za, E - li - za, with a rhyme, with a  
 greet E - li - za, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a  
 And greet E - li - za, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a  
 li - za, E - li - za, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a

G.P. rhyme, O beau - te-ous Queen of se - cond Troy,  
 rhyme, G.P. O beau - te-ous Queen, O beau - te-ous Queen  
 rhyme, G.P. O beau - te-ous Queen of se - cond Troy, O beau-te -  
 rhyme, G.P. O beau - te-ous Queen of se - cond Troy, O beau - te - ous Queen of se -  
 rhyme, G.P. O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy, O beau - te - ous Queen of  
 rhyme, O beau - te-ous Queen of se - cond Troy, O beau - te-ous Queen of

D  
 Take well in worth, Take  
 of se - cond Troy, Take well in worth, a sim-ple toy,  
 - ous Queen of se-cond Troy, Take well in worth, a sim-ple toy, a  
 - cond Troy, of se-cond Troy, Take well in worth, a sim-ple toy, Take  
 se-cond, of se-cond, of se-cond Troy, Take well in worth, a sim-ple toy,  
 se - cond Troy, Take well in worth, Take well in worth, a sim-ple toy,  
 well in worth, a sim - ple toy, a sim-ple toy, Take well in worth, a sim-ple toy,  
 a sim-ple toy, Take well in worth, a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy,  
 sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy, Take well in worth, a sim-ple toy, a  
 well in worth, a sim - ple toy, a sim-ple toy, Take well in worth,  
 Take well in worth, a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy, Take well in worth, a  
 Take well in worth, a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy, a



a sim-ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - - ple toy.  
 Take well in worth, a sim-ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.  
 sim-ple toy, Take well in worth, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy,  
 a sim-ple toy, Take well in worth, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy,  
 sim-ple toy, Take well in worth, a sim - ple toy, a simple toy, a sim - ple toy.  
 sim-ple toy, Take well in worth, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.