

When younglings first on Cupid fix their sight

When younglings first (Superius) William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

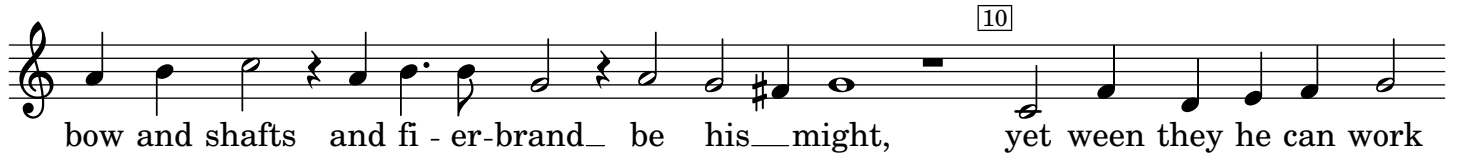
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Superius 

When young- lings first on Cu- pid fix their sight, their


sight, and see him na- ked, blind- fold and a boy, and a boy, though

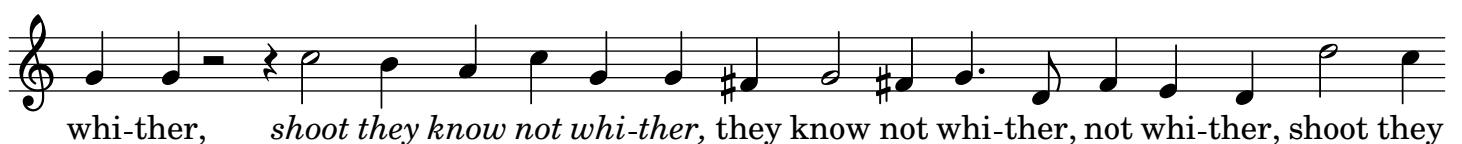

bow and shafts and fi- er-brand_ be his_ might, yet ween they he can work


them none an- noy, *yet ween they he can work them none_ an- noy*, work them none an -


noy. And there- fore with his pur- ple wings they play, for glo- ri- ous see- meth


love though light_ as fea- ther, and when they have done, *and when they have done*,


they ween to scape a - way, for blind men say they, say they, shoot they know not


whi- ther, *shoot they know not whi- ther*, they know not whi- ther, not whi- ther, shoot they


know not whi- ther, shoot they know not whi- ther. But when by proof they find


that he did see, *that_ he did see*, and that his wound did ra- ther dim their_


sight, they won- der more how such a lad as he, should be of such sur-


pas- sing power and might, and_ might, and_ might, should be of such sur- pas-

sing power and might, *such sur-pas-sing power and might:* but Ants have
 galls, *but Ants have galls, have galls,* so hath the Bee his sting,
 so hath the Bee his sting, then shield me heavens from such a sub-tle thing, a
 sub-tle thing, then shield me heavens from such a sub-tle thing,
 then shield me heavens from such a sub-tle thing, then shield me heavens from
 such a sub-tle thing, a sub-tle thing.