

The Eagle's Force.

William Byrd (Psalms, Songs and Sonnets. (1611))

Cantus Primus

The Ea - gle's force sub - dues each Bird that _ flies: What me - tal can

re - sist, re - sist the flam - ing fire? Doth not the Sun daz - zle the clear -

est _ eyes, the clear - est eyes, the clear - est _ eyes? And melt the ice, and

make the frost re - - tire? re - - tire? Who can with - stand a puis -

sant King's de - sire, a puis - sant King's de - sire, d - - sire? The

stiff - est stones are pierc - ed through with tools, are pierc - ed through with tools,

are pierc - ed through with tools: the wis - est are with Prin - ces made but

fools. The wis - est are with Prin - ces made but fools, made but fools. The wis -

est are with Prin - ces made but fools, made but fools, made _____ but

fools. The fools.

Notes: original clef: C on first line

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Cantus Secundus

The Ea - gle's force sub - dues each Bird that flies, each bird that flies: what me -

[A]
tal can re - sist the flam - ing fire? Doth not the Sun daz - zle the clear - est _

[B]
_ eyes, the clear - est _ eyes, the clear - est _ eyes? and melt the

[C]
ice, and make the frost re - tire? re - - tire? Who can with - stand a

[D]
puis - sant King's de - sire, a puis - sant King's de - sire, de - - - - sire?

The stiff - est stones are pierc - ed through with tools, are pierc - ed through with

[E]
tools, are pierc - ed through with tools: The wis - est are with Prin - ces made but fools, are

with Prin - ces made but fools. The wis - est are with Prin - ces made but fools.

The wis - est are with Prin - ces made but fools, made but fools, made _ but

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fools. fools.

Notes: original clef: C on first line

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Bassus

The Ea - gle's force sub - dues each Bird that flies, each bird that flies:

[A]
what sist the flam - ing fire? Doth not the Sun daz - zle the clear - est eyes,

[B]
daz - zle the clear - est eyes? and melt the ice, and make the frost re

[C]
- tire? re tire? Who can with - stand a puis - sant King's de - sire, a puis - sant King's

[D]
de - sire, a puis - sant King's de - sire, de - sire? The

[E]
stiff - est stones are pierc - ed through with tools, are pierc - ed through with

tools, with _____ tools: The wis - est are with Prin - ces made but fools,

The wis - est are with Prin - ces made but fools. The wis - est are with Prin - ces

made but fools, made but fools, made but fools. The fools.

Notes: original clef: C on third line

Original Key signature, no sharps or flats

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