

When I was otherwise

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Dow Partbooks (Christ Church, 1580s, Oxford MSS 984-988)

Superius

Medius

Contra

Tenor

Bassus

When I was o - ther-wise than now I

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am I lov-ed more but skill - ed not so much. Fair words and

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smiles could have con - tent - ed from my sim - ple age my

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sim-ple age. And ig - nor-ance was such but at the length, but at the length

ex-per-i-ence made me won-der that hearts and tongues did lodge so

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far a - sun-der. But at the length, but at the length ex-per-i-ence made me

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won-der if hearts and tongues did lodge so far a - sun - der,

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that hearts and tongues did lodge so far a - sun - der.

When I was otherwise than now I am
 I loved more but skilled not so much.
 Fair words and smiles could have contented from
 my simple age, and ignorance was such,
 but at the length, experience made me wonder
 that hearts and tongues did lodge so far asunder.