

# Pastime with Good Company

*The Kings ballad*

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Henry VIII of England (1491-1547)

[Tenor] (part 2 of 3)


Henry VIII songbook (GB-Lbl Add. 31922, c.1518)

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Pas - time with good com - pa - ny I love and shall un -  
 Youth must have some dal - li - ance of good or ill some  
 Com - pa - ny with ho - nes - ty is vir - tue vi - ces

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til I die; Grudge who lust but none de - ny, So god be  
 pas - - tance; Com - pa - ny me - thinks then best all thoughts and  
 to flee. Com - pa - ny is good and ill but e - v'ry

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pleas'd thus love will I. For my pas - tance hunt, sing and dance, my heart is  
 fan - cies to di - gest. for id - le - ness is chief mis - tress of vi - ces  
 man hath his free will. The best en - sue the worst es - chew my mind shall

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set. All good - ly sport for my com - fort, who shall me let?  
 all; Then who can say but myrth and play is best of all.  
 be. Vir - tue to use vice to re - fuse thus shall I use me.