

Pastime with Good Company

The Kings ballad

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Henry VIII of England (1491-1547)

[Cantus] (part 1 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
 fan - cies to di - gest. for id - le - ness is chief mis - tress of
 man hath his free will. The best en - sue the worst es - chew my

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

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