

Che giova posseder cittadi

Prima parte

Pietro Bembo, *Rimes*

Giaches de Wert (1535-1596)

Basso (part 4 of 4)

Il primo libro de madrigali à 4 (1561)

The musical score is written in bass clef with a common time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. Measure numbers 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 are indicated above the staves. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Che gio - va pos-se-der cit - ta - di e re - gni, e pa - la-gi ha-bi-tar
 d'al - to la - vo - ro, e ser-vi in-tor-no a - ver d'im-pe - rio de - gni, e l'ar-che gra -
 - vi per mol - to the - so - ro; es - ser can - ta - te da su-bli -
 mi in-ge - gni, di por - po-ra ve-stir — man-giar' in o - ro, e di bel-lez - za
 pa - reg-giar il so - le, gia - cen-do poi nel let - to fred - de e so - le.