

Se la mia vita

Prima parte

Petrarca, *Canzoniere XII* (12)

Tenore (part 3 of 4)

Luca Marenzio (c.1553-1599)

Madrigali à 4, 5, e 6 voci (Giacomo Vincenti, Italy, 1588)

A musical score for a vocal piece. The music is written for tenor voice, part 3 of 4. The score consists of eight staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature varies between common time (indicated by '4') and 2/4 time. The lyrics are in Italian and are placed below the corresponding musical staves. Measure numbers 1 through 55 are indicated above the music. The lyrics are as follows:

Se la mia vita
sprotor-men-to, Si può tan-to scher-ni
to scher-ni - re e da-gli af-fan-ni, e da-gli af-fan-ni,
veg-gia per vir-tù de-gli ul-ti-m'an-ni, Don-na,
chi'l lu-me spen-to, E i ca-pei d'o-ro fin
- las-sar le ghir-lan-de e i ver-di pan
- so sco-lo-rir che ne miei dan-ni, A la-men-tar,
la-men-tar mi fa pau-ro-so e len-to, mi fa pau-ro-so e len-