

# The Silver Swan

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Cantus (part 1 of 5)

*The First Set of Madrigals and Mottets* (London, 1612)

The sil - ver Swanne, who liv - ing had no Note, When  
death ap-proacht un-lockt her si - lent throat, Lean - ing her breast a - gainst the ree - dy  
shore, Thus sung her first and last, and sung no more, Fare - well all joyes, O  
death come close mine eyes, More Geese than Swannes now live, more fooles than wise.