

The Silver Swan

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Bassus (part 5 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, 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.