

O That Most Rare Breast

Sir Edward Dyer [?]

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

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Dow Partbooks (Christ Church, 1570s, Oxford MSS 984-988)

O O that O that most rare breast crys - tal -
 ine sin-cere through which like gold thy prince - ly heart did shine;
 O sprite he - ro - ic, O va-li - ant wor-thy knight. O Sid - ney!
 O Sid - ney! Prince of fame and mens good will. O
 Sid - ney! O Sid - ney! Prince of fame and mens good will.
 For For thee for thee both kings and prin - ces
 now do mourn thy no-ble tomb three ci - ties strange de - sir'd
 foes to the cause thy prow - wess did de - fend be - wail the day;
 And wail the day that cross'd thy fa - mous race And
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