

# Hould out, my hart

Thomas Morley (c.1557-1602)

Bassus (part 3 of 3)

*Canzonets or Little Short Songs to Three Voyces* (1593)

Hold out, my heart, hold out, hold thou out my heart, hold out my heart, hold  
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 with joys de- lights ac- cloy- ed, hold O hold thou out, my heart, my heart, and shew it, and shew  
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 it, that all the world may know it, that all the world, the world may know it, the world may know  
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 it, the world may know it. What sweet con- tent, what sweet con- tent, thou late- ly hast en-  
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 joy- ed, what sweet con- tent thou hast en- joy- ed, She that come, dear, would say, then laugh and  
 smile and run a- way, and if I stayed her cry, nay fie for shame fie; nay fie sweet hart fie, my  
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 true love not re- gard- ing, not re- gard- ing; hath given my love now at length, his full re- ward- ing, re- ward-  
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 ing, his full re- ward- ing. So that un- less I may tell, so that un- less I may tell, I may tell the  
 joys, I may tell the joys that fill me. So that un- less I may tell, so that un- less I may tell,  
 35  
 I may tell the joys, I may tell the joys, that o- ver fill me; my joys kept in I know will kill me.