

All as a Sea

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Medius (part 2 of 5)

Psalmes, sonets and songs of sadnes and pietie (London, 1588)

All as a Sea, the world no other is, our selves are ships
still tossed to and fro, and lo, each man, his love to that, and lo, each man, his love to that or
this, is like a storm, that drives the ship to go, that thus our life in doubt of
ship - wreck stands: our want of skill the sands; that thus our life in doubt
of ship - wreck stands: our want of skill the sands.