

All as a Sea

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Tenor (part 4 of 5)

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

All as a Sea, the world no o-ther is, no o-ther is, all as a Sea, our
selves are ships still tos-sed to and fro, and lo, each man, his love to that or this,
10 his love to that or this, is like a storm, that drives the ship to go, that
15 thus our life in doubt of ship-wreck stands, of ship-wreck stands: our wills the
20 rocks, our want of skill the sands, the sands; that thus our life in doubt of
25 ship-wreck stands, of ship-wreck stands: our wills the rocks, our want of skill the sands, the sands.