

# All as a Sea

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Bassus (part 5 of 5)

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

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All as a Sea, the world no o-ther is, all as a Sea, the world no o-ther is,

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our selves are ships still tos-sed to and fro, and lo, each man, and lo, each man, his love to that or—

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this, is like a storm, that drives the ship to go, that thus our life in doubt of— ship-wreck

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stands, of ship-wreck stands: our wills the rocks, our want of skill the sands; that thus— our life in

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doubt of— ship-wreck stands, of ship-wreck stands: our wills the rocks, our want of skill the sands.

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