

# The nightingale so pleasant and so gay

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Bassus (part 3 of 3)

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The nigh - tin-gale so plea-sant and so gay, in green-wood groves,  
de-lights to make his dwel-ling, in fields to fly, to fly, chan-ting his roun-de-lay,  
chan-ting his roun - de-lay, his roun-de-lay, at li-ber-ty, a-against the cage re-bel-ling. a -  
gainst the cage re-bel-ling, re - bel - ling. But my poor heart, my poor heart, but  
my poor heart with sor-rows o-ver swel-ling, *with sor-rows o-ver swel-ling*, through bon-dage vile, bin-  
ding my free-dom short, my free-dom short, my free-dom short, my free-dom short, no plea -  
sure takes, no plea-sure takes in these his sports ex-cel-ling, in these his sports ex-cel-ling, nor  
in his song re-cei-veth no com-fort, nor in his song re-cei - veth no com-fort, nor  
in his song re-cei - veth no com-fort, nor in his song re-cei - veth no com-fort.