

MERCILESS BEAUTY.

Three Rondels.

VIOLONCELLO.

Poems by
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I

Music by
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Andante con moto.

VOICE.

SOLO.

pp

p

Your ey-ën two will slay me

sud-denly: I may the beauty of them not sustene, So woundeth it through-out my her-te kene.

ten. ten.

And but your word will helen has-ti-ly My hertës woundë; while that it is green. Your ey-ën two will slay me

pp

sud-denly; I may the beauty of them not sus-tene. (*rubato*) Up-on my troth I say you faithful-ly, That

ye be of my life— and death the queen, For with my death the tru-thë shall be seen.

Your ey-ën two will slay me sud-denly; I may the beauty of them not sus-tene, So

pp

woundeth it through-out my her-te kene. SOLO.

ten. pp pp

VIOLONCELLO.

II

Lento moderato.

senza misura

SOLO. *senza misura* {So hath your beauty from your hertè chased Pity, that me ne a-} -vailleth not to plain: {For Daunger halt your mercy} in his chain.

pizz.

a tempo

Guiltless my death thus have ye me pur-chased; I say you sooth, me needeth not to feign:

p

arco

(freely)

a tempo

So hath your beauty from your hertè chased Pi-ty, that me ne a-vailleth not to plain. A-las!

f *colla voce* *pizz.* *f*

— that nature hath in you com-passed — So great beau - ty that no man may at - tain To

arco *pizz.* *arco*

p

largamente a tempo

(freely)

mer - cy, tho' he stervè for the pain! — So hath your beauty from your hertè chased Pi-ty, that

colla voce *colla voce*

f *p*

a tempo

me ne a-vailleth not to plain; For Daunger halt your mercy in his chain.

pizz.

p *pp*

VIOLONCELLO.

III

Allegro.

Since I from Love es - - ca - pèd am so

p leggiero

fat, — I nev - er think to ben in his pri - son lean; Since I am

pizz. *arco*

free I count him not, I count him not, I count him not — a bean.

f

He may an - swer, and say - è this or

pizz. *p*

that; I do no force, I speak right — as I mean: Since I from

arco *pp* *pp*

Love es - - ca - pèd am so fat, — I nev - er think to ben in his

pizz.

VIOLONCELLO.

pri-son lean. — Love hath my name y - strike out of his selat, And he is

arco

strike out of my bookes clean For ev - er - more; there is none o - ther mean.

Largamente. *ad lib.* *p*

f colla voce *p*

a tempo

Since I from Love es - - ca-ped am so fat, I nev-er think to ben in his

pp

pri-son lean; Since I am free I count him not, I count him not, I

cresc. *f* *p*

count him not — a bean. —

f *poco rall.* *p*