

# This Sweet and Merry Month of May

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SUPERIUS  
Soprano 1

SEXTUS  
Soprano 2

MEDIUS  
Alto

CONTRATENOR  
Tenor

TENOR  
Baritone

BASSUS  
Bass

This sweet and mer - ry, mer - ry month, and mer - ry, mer - ry

This sweet and mer - ry, mer - ry month, and

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S1 month of May, and mer - ry month of May, of May,

S2 mer - ry, mer - ry month of May, and mer - ry month of May, of

A. This sweet and mer - ry, mer - ry month, and mer - ry, mer - ry month of May,

T. And mer - ry, mer - ry month, and mer - ry, mer - ry month of May,

Bar. While Na -

B. Wile

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S1 While Na - ture wan - tons in her prime, \_\_\_\_\_ wan -

S2 May, While Na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons

A. While Na - ture wan - tons. wan - tons in her prime, while Na - ture wan -

T. While Na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in her

Bar. - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in her prime, wan - tons in her prime, \_\_\_\_\_

B. Na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in her prime, while Na - ture wan - tons,

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S1 and birds do sing, \_\_\_\_\_ and birds do sing, \_\_\_\_\_ and beasts do

S2 — and birds do sing, \_\_\_\_\_ and beasts do play, do play,

A. and birds do sing, \_\_\_\_\_ do sing, \_\_\_\_\_ and beasts do play, and

T. 8 sing, \_\_\_\_\_ and birds do sing, \_\_\_\_\_ and beasts do play, and

Bar. birds do sing, \_\_\_\_\_ and beasts do play, do play,

B. sing, \_\_\_\_\_ and birds do sing, \_\_\_\_\_ and beasts do play, do

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S1 play, do play, do play, and beasts do play,

S2 and beasts do play, do play, do play, and beasts do

A. beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play, do play, and beasts

T. 8 beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play, do play, and beasts

Bar. and beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play, do play, do play, do

B. play, and beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play, do play, do

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S1 do play For plea - sure of the joy - ful

S2 play For plea - sure of the joy - ful time,

A. do play, do play For plea - sure, for plea - sure of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful

T. do play For plea - sure of the joy - ful

Bar. play, do play For plea - sure of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful

B. play, do play, do play For plea - sure of the joy - ful time,

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S1 time, of the joy - ful time, I choosethe first for

S2 of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time, I choosethe first for ho - li - day, for ho -

A. time, the joy - ful time, I choosethe first for ho - li - day,

T. time, the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time, I choosethe first for

Bar. time, of the joy - ful time, I choosethe first for ho - li - day,

B. of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time, I choosethe first for ho - li - day, I choose the

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S1 ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - li - za, E - li -

S2 - li - day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day,

A. for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And

T. 8 ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - li - za, E - li -

Bar. for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - li - za, E -

B. first for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - li - za, E - li -

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S1 za with a rhyme, with a rhyme, and greet E -

S2 And greet E - li - za, E - li - za with a rhyme,

A. greet E - li - za, E - li - za with a rhyme, with a rhyme, and greet E - li -

T. 8 - za with a rhyme, and greet E - li - za, E - li - za, and

Bar. li - za with a rhyme, and greet E - li - za with a rhyme,

B. za with a rhyme, with a rhyme, and greet E -

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S1      li - za, E - li - za with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with \_\_\_\_\_

S2      with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with \_\_\_\_\_

A.      za, E - li - za with a rhyme, with \_\_\_\_\_ a

T.      greet E - li - za with a rhyme, with \_\_\_\_\_ a rhyme, with \_\_\_\_\_

Bar.     and greet E - li - za with a rhyme, with \_\_\_\_\_ a rhyme, with \_\_\_\_\_ a rhyme,

B.      li - za, E - li - za with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with \_\_\_\_\_

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S1      — a rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond

S2      — a rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen,

A.      rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen, O

T.      — a — rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy, O

Bar.     with a rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy,

B.      — a rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond

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S1 Troy, Take

S2 O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy,

A. beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy, Take

T. beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy, of se - cond Troy,

Bar. O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond, of se - cond, of se - cond Troy,

B. Troy, O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy, Take

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S1 well in worth, take well in worth a sim - ple toy,

S2 Take well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, take

A. well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, take well in worth a

T. Take well in worth, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy,

Bar. Take well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, a

B. well in worth, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, take well in worth a sim - ple toy,

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S1      sim - ple toy, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy,

S2      well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, take well in worth

A.      sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, a

T.      take well in worth a sim - ple toy, take well in worth

Bar.     sim - ple toy, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, take

B.     a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, take

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S1     a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.

S2     a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.

A.     sim - ple toy, a siim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.

T.     a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.

Bar.    well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.

B.    well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.