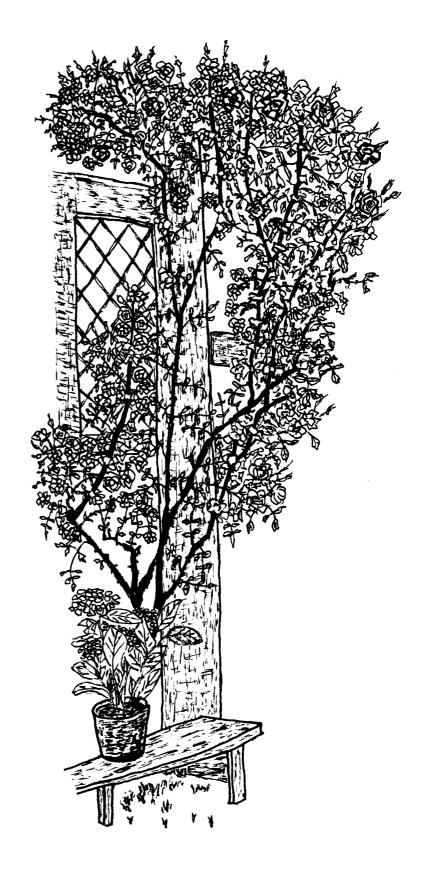
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A
Setting
of
Christopher
Marlowe's
Poem

Come Live with Me



for Baritone and Two Horns

Come live with me and be my love Christopher Marlowe

Come live with me and be my love,
And we will all the pleasures prove
That hill and valley, dale and field,
And all the craggy mountains yield.
There will we will sit upon the rocks,*
By shallow rivers to whose falls
Melodious birds sing madrigals,
And if these pleasures may thee move,
Then live with me and be my love.

There I will make thee beds of roses with a thousand fragrant posies,
A cap of flowers, and a kirtle
Embroider'd all with leaves of myrtle,
The shepherds' swains shall dance and sing
For thy delight each May morning:
If these delights thy mind may move,
Then live with me and be my love.

*Footnote

By some curiosity line 6 of the original is omitted in the printed edition I used! "And see the shepherds feed their flocks,"

dale : a deep valley

madrigal: contrapuntal unnaccompanied part song for several voices

posies : bunch of flowers

kirtle : a cover

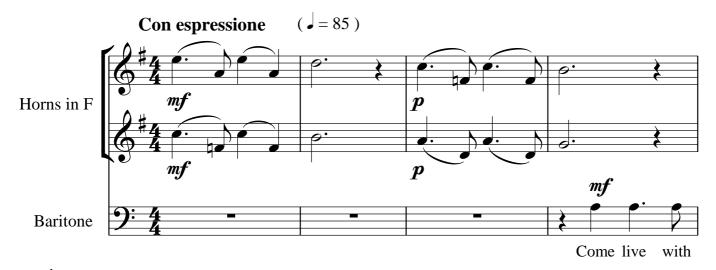
myrtle : a shrub, used as an emblem of love

swain : a youth

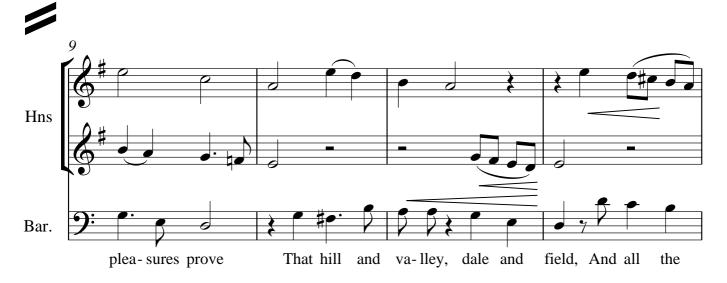
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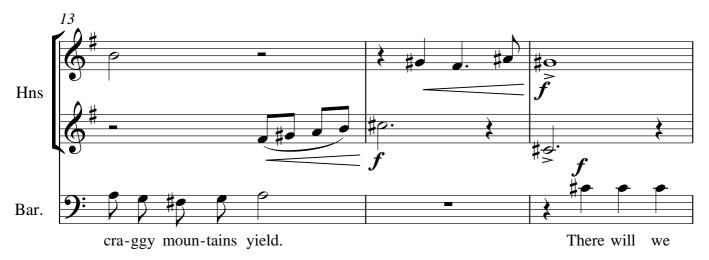
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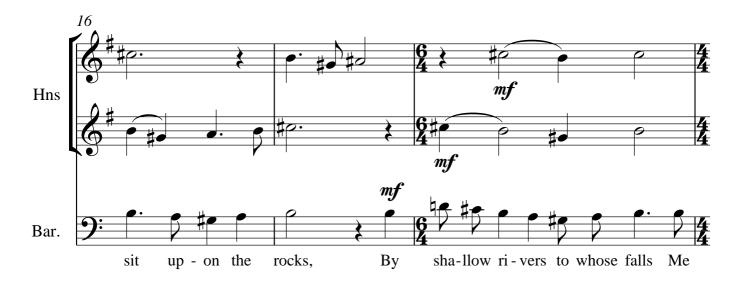




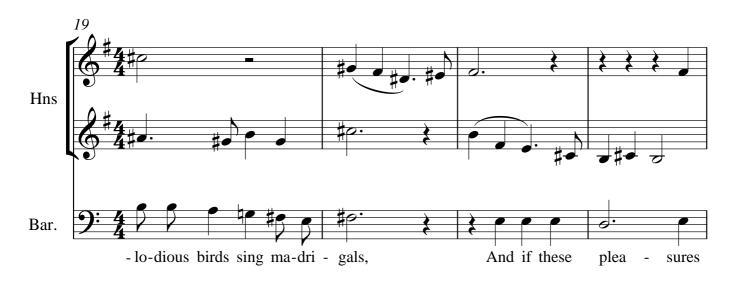


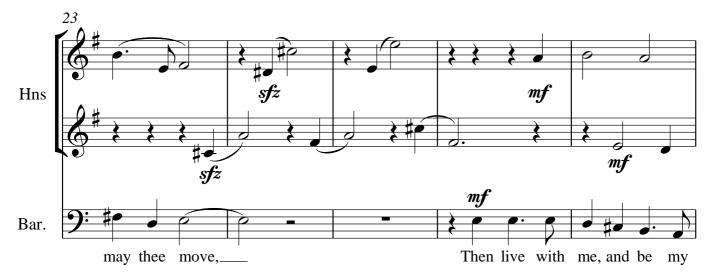












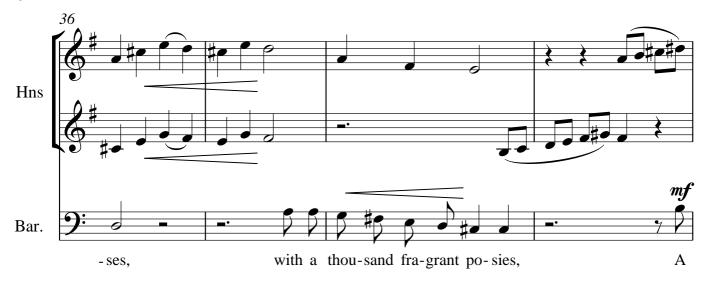




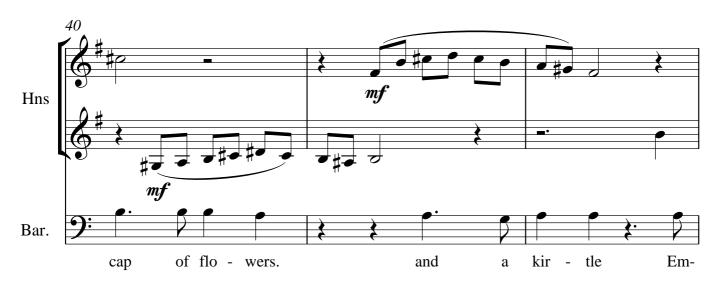




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