

O Care, thou wilt despatch me

Thomas Weelkes (1576 - 1623)

The first part

Musical score for the first part of the song. It consists of five staves. The first staff is a vocal line with a whole note 'O' on the final measure. The second staff is a vocal line with lyrics 'O Care thou wilt' and a sharp sign on the final note. The third staff is a vocal line with lyrics 'O Care thou wilt des - patch me,'. The fourth staff is a vocal line with lyrics 'O Care thou wilt des - patch'. The fifth staff is a bass line with lyrics 'O Care thou wilt des - patch'.

Musical score for the second part of the song, starting at measure 7. It consists of five staves. The first staff is a vocal line with lyrics 'Care thou wilt des - patch'. The second staff is a vocal line with lyrics 'des - patch me, thou wilt des - patch me,'. The third staff is a vocal line with lyrics 'thou wilt des - patch me, thou wilt'. The fourth staff is a vocal line with lyrics 'me, oh, O Care thou wilt des - patch, thou'. The fifth staff is a bass line with lyrics 'me, O Care thou wilt'.

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me, if Mu - sic do not match
 if Mu - sic do not match thee, if Mu -
 des - patch me, if Mu - sic do not match thee, do not match
 8 wilt des - patch me, if Mu - sic do not match
 des - patch me, if

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thee. Fa la la la la la
 - sic do not match thee. Fa la la la la la la la la la la
 thee, match thee. Fa la la la la la la la la la la la la la
 8 thee, if Mu-sic do not match thee. Fa la la la la la la, Fa la la
 Mu - sic do not match thee. Fa la la la la la, Fa la la la la la

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la. So dead - ly dost thou sting me, so
 la. So dead - ly dost thou sting, so dead-
 la. So dead - ly dost thou sting, so
 8 la. So dead - ly,
 la. So dead-

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dead - ly dost thou sting me,
 - ly dost thou sting, so dead - ly
 dead - ly dost thou sting me, dost thou
 8 so dead - ly dost thou sting
 - ly, so dead - ly

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so dead - ly dost thou sting
 dost thou sting * me, so dead - ly dost thou sting
 sting me, so dead - ly dost thou
 8 me, so dead - ly dost thou sting me, dost thou
 dost thou sting me,

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me, Mirth on - ly help can bring me, Mirth on - ly help can
 me, sting me, Mirth on - ly help can bring me,
 sting me, Mirth on - ly help can bring me, Mirth
 8 sting me, Mirth on - ly help can bring
 Mirth on - ly help can bring me,

* The sharp in the original Edition was written by the composer to enforce the effect of the "deadly sting"; but if the effect is thought too harsh, F natural may be sung.

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bring, Mirth on - ly help can bring me, Mirth on - ly help can bring
 Mirth on - ly help can bring me, Mirth on - ly help can bring, Mirth
 on - ly help can bring me, can bring me,
 me, Mirth on - ly help can bring me,
 Mirth on - ly help can bring me, Mirth

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me, Mirth on - ly help can bring me. Fa la la la la
 on - ly help can bring me, Mirth on - ly help can bring me. Fa
 Mirth on - ly help can bring me, can bring me.
 Mirth on - ly help can bring me. Fa la la la la la, Fa
 on - ly help can bring me. Fa la la la la la la

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la la, Fa la la la la la.
 la la la la la, Fa la la la la la la la la la la.
 Fa la la la la la la.
 la la la la la la, Fa la la la la la la la.
 la la la la la la.