

Hold out, my hart

Thomas Morley (c.1557-1602)

Altus (part 2 of 3)

Canzonets or Little Short Songs to Three Voyces (1593)

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Hold out my heart, O hold hold thou out my heart, my heart, hold hold

5 with joys de- lights ac- cloy- ed, hold out my heart, hold out my heart, and shew

10 it, that all the world, all the world may know it, the world may know

15 it, that all the world, my heart, may know, may know it? What sweet con- tent, what sweet con- tent, what

sweet con- tent, thou late- ly hast en- joyed, thou late- ly hast en- joyed en- joy-

20 ed. She that come, dear, would say, come, come my dear, would say, then laugh and run a-

25 way, and if I stayed her cry, nay fie for shame fie, nay fie sweet heart fie, my true love

not re- gard- ing, hath given my love now at length his long Loves full re- ward-

30 ing. Loves full re- ward- ing, So that un- less I may tell, so that un- less I may tell, I may

35 tell the joys, the joys that o - ver fill me, So that un- less I may tell, so that un- less I may tell, so that un-

less I may tell the joys, the joys that o - ver fill me, my joys kept in I know in time will kill me.