

Susanna fayre

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius (part 1 of 3)

Songs of sundrie natures (London, 1589)



Su - san - na fair some-time as-saul - ted was by two old men, de - si-ring their
5 _ de-light, their de - light, which lewd in-tent they thought to bring to pass, if
10 not by ten-der love, by ten - der love, if not by ten-der love, if not by ten-der love, by
15 force and might, to whom she said, to whom she said, if I your suit de - ny, you will me
20 false-ly ac - cuse, and make me die, and make me die, and make me die.
25 And if I grant to that which you re-quest, my chas - ti - ty shall then de-flower-ed be, shall
30 then de-flower-ed be, my chas - ti - ty shall then de-flower-ed be, which is so dear to me, that
35 I de - test my life, my life, if it be-reft-ed be from me, from me, and ra-ther
40 would I die and ra-ther would I die of mine ac-cord, of mine ac - cord, ten thou-sand times, ten thou-
sand times, than once of - fend our Lord, of - fend our Lord, than once of - fend our Lord.