

Susanna fayre

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Tenor (part 2 of 3)

Songs of sundrie natures (London, 1589)

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