

Wedded to will is witless

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Cantus Primus [Soprano] Wed - ded to will is wit - less,

Cantus Secundus [Alto] Wed - ded to will is wit - less, is wit - less,

Contratenor [Tenor] Wed - ded to will, wed - ded to will, wed - ded to

Tenor [Tenor] Wed - ded to will is wit - less, is

Bassus [Bass] Wed - ded to

wed - ded to will is wit-less, And sel - dom he is skil - ful,

is wit - less, is wit - less, wed - ded to will is wit-less, And sel - dom he is

will, wed - ded to will is wit-less, And sel - dom he is

wit-less, wed - ded to will is wit - less, And sel - dom he is skil -

will is wit - less, is wit - less, is wit-less, And sel - dom is, and sel - dom

and sel - dom he is skil - ful, That bears the name of wise, that bears the

skil - ful, That bears the name of wise, that bears the name of wise,

skil - ful, That bears, that bears the name of wise,

-ful, That bears the name of wise, that bears the name of

he is skil - ful, That bears the name of wise, that

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name of wise, and yet is wil - ful, wil - - - ful, To go - vern
that bears the name of wise, and yet is wil - - - ful, To go - vern
and yet is wil - - - ful, To go - vern he -
wise, that bears the name of wise, and yet is wil - ful, wil - ful, To go -
bears the name of wise, and yet is wil - - - ful, To

he is fit-less, he is fit-less, That deals not by e - le - cti-on, that
he is fit-less, he is fit-less, That deals not by e - le - cti-on, that
- is fit - less, That deals not by e - le - cti-on, that deals not by e -
- vern he is fit-less, That deals not by e - le - cti-on,
go - - - vern he is fit - less, That deals not by e - le - cti-

deals not by e - le - cti-on, but by his
deals not by e - le - cti-on, but by his fond af - fe - cti - on, but by
-le - cti - on, but by his fond af -
but by his fond af - fe - cti - on, but
-on, but by his fond af - fe - cti - on, af - fe - cti-on,

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fond af - fe - cti - on, but by his fond af - fe - cti - on.
 his fond af - fe - cti - on, but by his fond af - fe - cti - on.
 -fe - cti - on, but by his fond af - fe - - - cti - on.
 by his fond af - fe - cti - on.
 by by his fond af - fe - cti - on.

O that it might be trea - son, O that it might be
 O that it might be trea - son, O that it might be trea -
 O that it might be trea - son, O that it
 O that it might be trea - son, O that it might be trea - - son,
 O that it might be trea - - - - son,

trea - son, O that it might be trea - son,
 -son, that it might be trea - son, O that it might be trea -
 might be trea - son, O that it might, that it might be
 that it might be trea - son, that it might be trea -
 O that it might be trea - - - son, O that it

that it might be trea - son, for men to rule by will,
 - son, that it might be trea - son, for men to rule by will, *for*
 trea-son, O that it might be trea-son, for men to rule_____ by will, *for men to rule*_____
 - son, trea - - son, trea - - son, for men to
 might be trea - - son, for men to rule_____

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 for men to rule by will, *for men to rule by will,* and
 men to rule by will, and not by rea - son, and
 by will, for men to rule_____ by will, to rule by will, and not by rea - son,
 rule by will, for men to rule by will, and not by_____
 by will, for men to rule by will, and not by rea - son,

not by rea - - son, and not by rea - son, and not by rea - son,
 not by rea-son, and not by rea - son, by rea - - son, and not by rea -
 and not by rea - son, to rule by will, and not by rea-son, and
 rea - son, and not by rea - son, and not by
 and not by rea - - son, and not, and not by rea -

and not by rea - - - son. - son.

- - - - - son. - son.

not by rea - - - - son. - son.

rea - - - son, and not by rea - - son. - son.

-son, by rea - - - - son. - son.

Source: William Byrd, *Psalmes, Songs, and Sonnets...* (London, 1611), no.23

V.6.1-2: *is he*

I.15.3-4: 1 minim, apparently printed as a semiminim and altered by cancel slip.

IV, V.37: semibreves

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