It was a time when silly bees could speak

John Dowland

(1562–1626)

Soprano

"It was a time when silly bees could speak,
Then thus I buzzed, when time no sap would give,
My liege, gods grant thy time may never end,"

Alto

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Tenor

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Bass

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Practice

"And in that time I was a silly bee,
Why should this blessed time to me be dry,
And yet vouch safe to hear my plaint of time,"

And in that time I was, I was a silly Bee,
Why should this blessed time, this time to me be dry,
And yet vouch safe to hear, to hear my plaint of time,

And in that time I was a silly bee,
Why should this blessed time to me be dry,
And yet vouch safe to hear my plaint of time,

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Who fed on time until my heart 'gan break, Yet never
Sith by this time the lazy drone doth live, The wasp, the
Which fruit-less flies have found to have a friend, And I cast

Who fed on time un - til my heart, my heart 'gan break, Yet neve -
Sith by this Time the la - zy drone, the drone doth live, The wasp, the
Which fruit-less flies have found to have, to have a friend, And I cast

Who fed on time un - til my heart 'gan break, Yet neve -
Sith by this time the la - zy drone doth live, The wasp, the
Which fruit-less flies have found to have a friend, And I cast

found the time would fa - vour me. Of all the
worm, the gnat, the but - ter - fly. Mat - ted with
down when a - to - mies do climb. The king re -

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down, cast down when a - to - mies do climb. The king re -

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worm, the gnat, the but - ter - fly. Mat - ted with
down when a - to - mies do climb. The king re -
Yet brought I wax and ho- n ey to the hive.
And thus com-plained un-to the king, the king of bees.
Thou'rt bound to serve the time, the time, not thee.

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And thus com-plained un-to the king, the king of bees.
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