

MERCILESS BEAUTY.

Three Rondels.

Poems by
CHAUCER.

Music by
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I

Andante con moto.

Voice. *pp*

Your ey-ën two will slay me

*Violins I. II. *p*

Violoncello. *pp*

sud - den-ly: I may the beau-ty of them not sus-tene, So wound-eth it through -

ten. ten.

- out my her - të kene. And but your word will hel-en

p

*This accompaniment may be played alternatively on the pianoforte.

has - ti - ly My her - tēs woun - dē, while that it is green, Your ey - en

two will slay me sud - den - ly; I may the beau - ty of them not sus - tene.

(rubato) Up - on my troth I say you

faith - ful - ly, That ye be of my life and death the

queen, For with my death the tru-thë shall be seen: —

pp
Your ey - ën two will slay me sud - den-ly: I

may the beau-ty of them not sus-tene, So wound-eth it through - out my her-të

kene. —

II

Lento moderato.

senza misura

So hath your beau-ty from your her-tè chased Pi-ty,

senza misura

p
ped.

that me ne a-vail-eth not to plain: For Daun-ger halt your mer-cy in his chain.

p
(pizz.)

a tempo

Guilt - less my death thus have ye me pur - chased; I say you sooth,

a tempo
pp (pizz.)

p

(freely)

me need_eth not to feign:_____ So hath your beau_ty from your

f *colla voce*

arco

ad. * *ad.*

her - tē chased Pi - ty, — that me ne a - vail - eth not to

*

a tempo

plain. A - las! — that na - ture hath in you com - passed —

p a tempo (pizz.) (arco) *p* (pizz.)

— So great beau - ty, that no man may at - tain To

(arco)

Largamente. a tempo

mer - cy, though he ster - ve for the pain! —

colla voce a tempo

Freely.

f

So hath your beau - ty from your her - të chased Pi - ty, — that

f colla voce

p

a tempo

me ne a - vail - eth not to plain; — For Daun - ger

p a tempo (pizz.)

halt your mer - cy in his chain. —

pp

pp

III

Allegro. *leggiere*

Since I from Love es - cap-éd am so

p leggiere

fat, — I nev-er think to ben in his pri - son lean;

(pizz.) (arco)

Since I am free, I count him not, I count him not, I

f

count him not — a bean.

He may an - swer, and say - ë this or that; I do no

force, I speak right — as I mean: — Since I from Love es -

cap - ëd am so fat, — I nev - er think to ben in his

pri - son lean. — Love hath my name y -

(arco)

strike out of his sclat, And he is strike out of my book-ës clean For

Largamente. *ad lib.* *p* *pp a tempo*

ev - er - more; there is none oth - er mean. Since I from

f colla voce *p* *pp a tempo*

Red. *

love es - cap - ëd am so fat, — I nev - er think to

mf

ben in his pri - son lean, Since I am

L.H. *cresc.*

f

free I count him not, I

count him not, I count him not a bean.

p

poco rall.

p