

# When younglings first on Cupid fix their sight

When younglings first (Superius) William Byrd (c.1540-1623)


Songs of sundrie natures (London, 1589)


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Superius 

When young- lings first on Cu- pid fix their sight, their

  
sight, and see him na- ked, blind- fold and a boy, and a boy, though


  
bow and shafts and fi- er-brand\_ be his\_ might, yet ween they he can work

  
them none an- noy, *yet ween they he can work them none\_ an- noy*, work them none an -

  
noy. And there- fore with his pur- ple wings they play, for glo- ri- ous see- meth

  
love though light\_ as fea- ther, and when they have done, *and when they have done*,

  
they ween to scape a - way, for blind men say they, say they, shoot they know not

  
whi- ther, *shoot they know not whi- ther*, they know not whi- ther, not whi- ther, shoot they

  
know not whi- ther, shoot they know not whi- ther. But when by proof they find

  
that he did see, *that\_ he did see*, and that his wound did ra- ther dim their\_

  
sight, they won- der more how such a lad as he, should be of such sur-

  
pas- sing power and might, and\_ \_ might, and\_ \_ might, should be of such sur- pas-

sing power and might, *such sur-pas-sing power and might:* but Ants have  
 galls, *but Ants have galls, have galls,* so hath the Bee his sting,  
 so hath the Bee his sting, then shield me heavens from such a sub-tle thing, a  
 sub-tle thing, then shield me heavens from such a sub-tle thing,  
 then shield me heavens from such a sub-tle thing, then shield me heavens from  
 such a sub-tle thing, a sub-tle thing.


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shafts and fi - er-brand be - his might, be his might, yet ween they he can work


  
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noy, yet ween they he can work them none an - noy. And there - fore with his purple

  
wings they play, for glo - ri - ous see - meth love though light - as fea - ther, and


  
when they have done, they ween to scape a - way, for blind men say they,

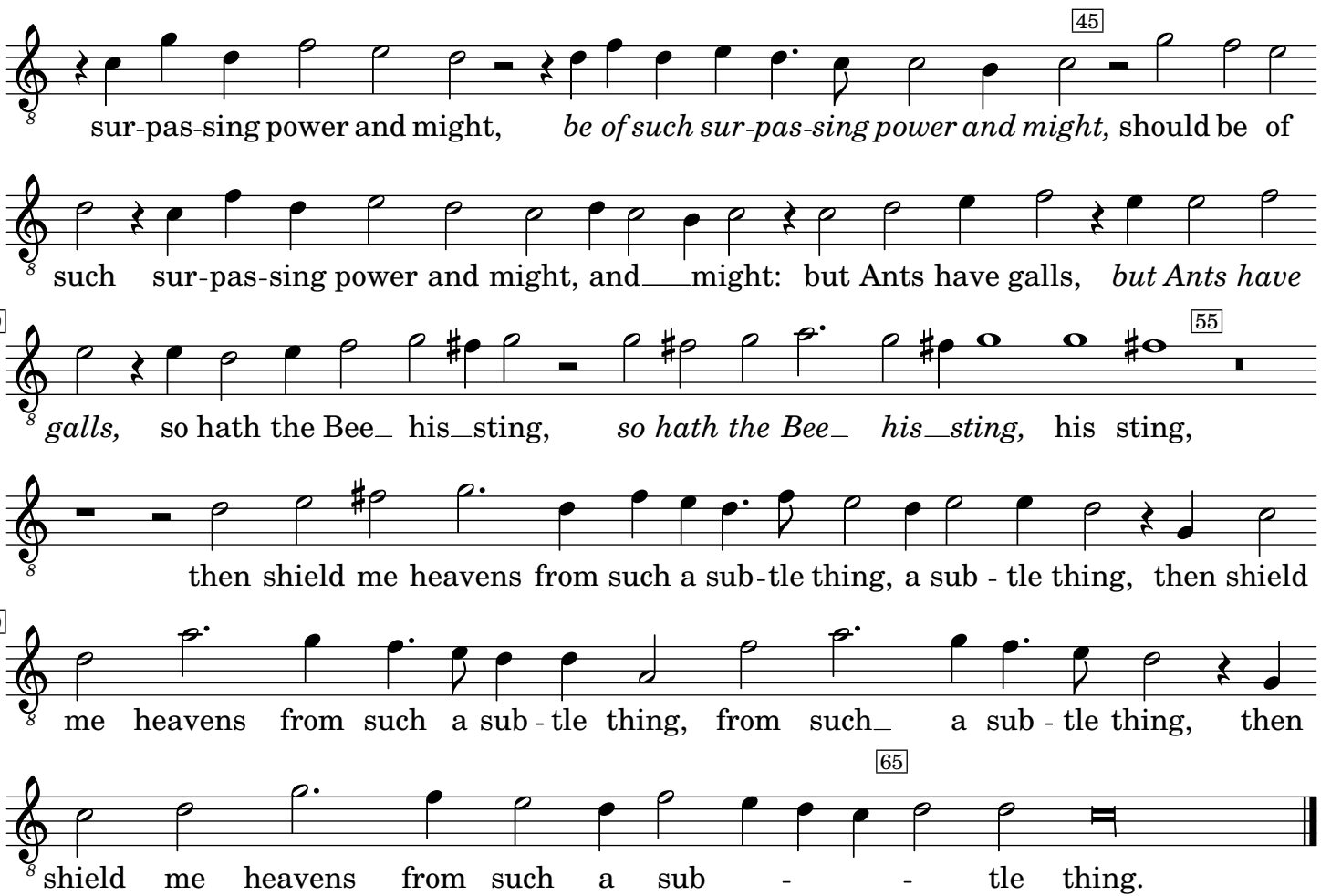
  
say they, for *blind men say they*, shoot they know not whi - ther, *shoot they know not*

  
*whi - ther*, *shoot they know not whi - ther*, shoot they know not whi - ther, shoot they

  
know - not whi - ther. But when by proof they find that he did see, *that*

  
*he did see*, and that his wound did ra - ther, did ra - ther dim their

  
sight, they - won - der more how such a lad as he, should be of such



sur-pas-sing power and might, *be of such sur-pas-sing power and might*, should be of  
 such sur-pas-sing power and might, and     might: *but Ants have galls, but Ants have*  
 galls, so hath the Bee     his     sting, *so hath the Bee     his     sting*, his sting,  
 then shield me heavens from such a sub-tle thing, a sub - tle thing, then shield  
 me heavens from such a sub - tle thing, from such     a sub - tle thing, then  
 shield me heavens from such a sub - - tle thing.

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When younglings first (Bassus)

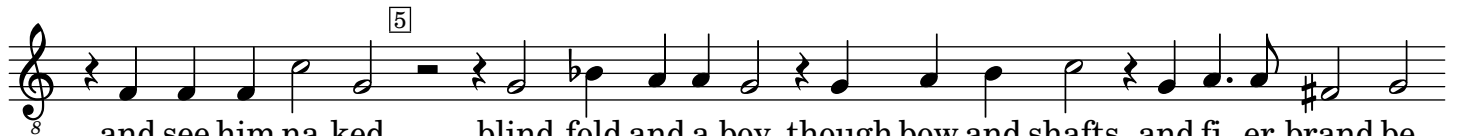
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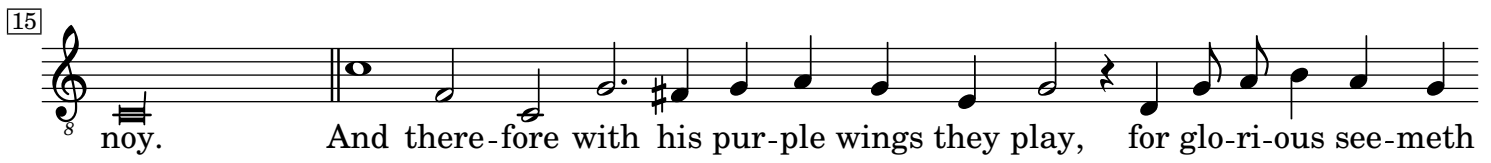
and see him na-ked, blind-fold and a boy, though bow and shafts and fi-er-brand be



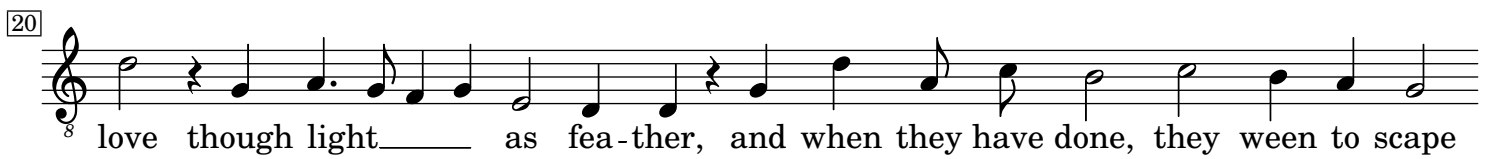
his might, yet ween they he can work them none\_ an-noy, *yet ween they he can*



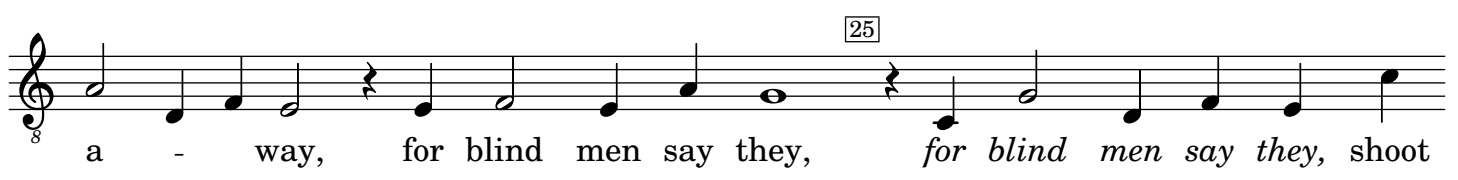
*work them none an - noy, an - noy, yet ween they he can work them none an -*




noy. And there-fore with his pur-ple wings they play, for glo-ri-ous see-meth



love though light\_\_\_\_\_ as fea-ther, and when they have done, they ween to scape



a - way, for blind men say they, *for blind men say they*, shoot



they know not whi-ther, *shoot they know not whi-ther*, shoot they know not whi-ther,



*shoot they know not whi-ther, shoot they know not whi-ther*, not whi-ther.



But when by proof they find that he did see, did see, and



that his wound did ra - ther dim their sight, they won - der more



how such a lad as he, *how such a lad as he*, should be of such sur-pas-sing

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power and might, should\_ be of such sur- pas- sing power and\_ might, *sur-*

*pas-sing power and might, sur-pas-sing power and might: but Ants have galls, but Ants have*

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*galls,* so hath the Bee\_ his sting, the Bee\_ his sting, so hath\_ the Bee his\_

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\_ sting, then shield me heavens\_ from such a sub- tle thing, then

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shield me heavens from such a sub- tle\_ thing, then *shield me heavens from such a*

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*sub-tle thing, from such a sub-tle\_ thing, from such a sub-tle thing, from such a sub-tle thing.*

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sight, their sight, and see him na - ked, blind - fold and a boy, and a boy, though bow and

Cu-pid fix their sight, and see him na - ked, blind - fold and a boy, though bow and shafts

bow and shafts and fi - er-brand be his \_\_\_\_\_ might,

shafts and fi - er-brand be his might, be his might, yet ween they he can work

and fi - er-brand be his might, yet ween they he can work them none.

10 yet ween they he can work them none an - noy, yet ween they he can work them none.

them none an - noy, yet ween they he can work them none an -

an - noy, yet ween they he can work them none an - noy, an - noy, yet

15 an - noy, work them none an - - noy. And there - fore with his pur - ple wings they

noy, yet ween they he can work them none an - noy. And there - fore with his pur - ple

ween they he can work them none an - - noy. And there - fore with his pur - ple wings they







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shield me heavens from such a sub - tle thing, a sub - tle thing, then shield  
 then shield me heavens from such a sub - tle thing, a sub -  
 then shield me heavens\_ from such a sub - tle thing, then shield me heavens from

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me heavens from such a sub - tle thing, then shield me heavens from such a sub - tle thing,  
 - tle thing, then shield me heavens from such a sub - tle thing, from such\_ a sub - tle thing, then  
 such a sub - tle\_ thing, then shield me heavens from such a sub - tle thing, from\_

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then shield me heavens from such a sub - tle thing, a sub - - tle thing.  
 shield me heavens from such a sub - - - tle thing.  
 such a sub - tle\_ thing, from such a sub - tle thing, from such a sub - tle thing.