

# Flow not so fast, ye fountains

No. 8 from *The Third Booke of Songs*

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CANTUS

Flow not so fast, ye foun - - tains, What  
Swell not a - bove your moun - - tains, Nor

ALTUS

Flow not so fast, ye foun - - tains, What  
Swell not a - bove your moun - - tains, Nor

TENOR

Flow not so fast, ye foun - - tains, What  
Swell not a - bove your moun - - tains, Nor

BASSUS

Flow not so fast, ye foun - tains, - What  
Swell not a - bove your moun - tains, - Nor

	♪		♯	♯	♯		♯	♯
a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	d
a	a	a	b	a	b	a	a	b
c	c	c	d	c	d	a	c	c
c	c	c	a	c	a	c	d	a
			e					

Lute in G

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S. need - eth all this haste? Gen - tle springs,  
 spend your time in waste.

A. need - eth all time this haste? Gen - tle springs,  
 spend your time in waste.

T. need - eth all this\_ haste? Gen - tle springs, gen  
 spend your time in\_ waste.

B. need - eth spend all time this haste? Gen - tle springs,  
 spend your time in waste.

Lute

c	a	a	a	a	c
d	d	b	a	b	d
a	b	d	c	d	d
	c	d	c	d	a
		a			

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S. gen - tle springs, fresh - ly your salt

A. gen - tle springs, fresh - ly your salt tears

T. - tle, gen - tle springs, fresh - ly your salt

B. gen - tle springs fresh - ly your salt

Lute

d	d	c	a
g	f	a	a
d	f	e	f
	e	c	f
d		b	c
			c

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S. tears Must still fall

A. Must still, still fall drop - ping, still fall

T. tears Must still, must still fall, fall drop - ping, fall

B. tears Must still fall drop - ping, still

Lute 

	a	d	c	d	d	a	c	a
c	b	d	f	d	d	d	d	c
	c	a	c	f	d	c	c	c
a								

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S. drop - ping, must

A. drop - ping, must still, still fall drop - ping,

T. drop - ping, must still, still fall, fall drop -

B. fall drop - ping, drop-ping, must still fall drop -

Lute 

a	a	d	c	d	a
b					
d	c	c	b	d	d
a	c	d	a	c	c

S. still fall drop - ping, drop - ping, drop - ping,

A. still fall drop - ping, must still fall

T. ping, fall drop - - ping, must still fall

B. ping, still fall drop - ping, drop-ping, still fall drop - ping,

Lute

S. drop - ping, fall drop - ping from their

A. drop-ping, drop - ping, still fall drop-ping, fall drop - ping from their

T. drop - ping, still fall drop - ping from their

B. still fall drop - ping, still fall drop - ping from their

Lute

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1. | 2. 5

S. spheres. spheres.

A. spheres. Must still, still fall spheres.

T. spheres. Must still, must still fall, spheres.

B. spheres, Must still fall spheres.

Lute

*a d c* *c d f d* *c d*

*c d b d f* *c d*

*a c a c f* *a*

2. Weep they apace whom reason  
 Or ling'ring time can ease.  
 My sorrow can no season,  
 Nor aught besides, appease.  
*Gentile springs, etc*

3. Time can abate the terror  
 Of every common pain;  
 But common grief is error,  
 True grief will still remain.  
*Gentile springs, etc*