

I thought that Love had been a boy

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Soprano
Alto
Alto
Tenor
Bass

I
I thought that Love had been a boy,
I thought that Love had been a boy, I
I thought that Love had been a boy, I

S.
A.
A.
T.
B.

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thought that Love had been a boy With blind - ed
that Love had been a boy With blind - ed
thought that Love had been a boy With blind - ed
thought that Love had been a boy With blind - ed eyes, blind - ed
With blind - ed eyes, with blind - ed

S.
A.
A.
T.
B.

eyes, Or else some o - ther
eyes, Or else some o - ther wan - ton toy That
eyes, Or else some o - ther wan - ton toy That
eyes, Or else some o - ther, some o - ther wan - ton
eyes, Or else some o - ther wan - ton toy, some o -

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S. — wan - ton toy That men de - vise,

A. men de - vise, that men de - vise,

A. men de - vise, that men de - vise, that men de -

T. — toy That men de - vise, de - vise, Like tales of

B. ther wan - ton toy That men de - vise, Like tales of

S. Like tales of fai - ries of - ten told

A. Like tales of fai - ries of - ten told By

A. -vise, Like tales of fai - ries of - ten told By do - ting

T. fai - ries, of fai - ries of - ten told

B. fai - ries, like tales of fai - ries of - ten told By

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S. By do - ting age that dies for cold,

A. do - ting age that dies, that dies for cold, for cold,

A. age that dies for cold, for cold, for cold, that

T. By do - ting age that dies for cold, for cold,

B. do - ting age, by do - ting age that dies for cold,

S. Like tales of faeries of ten

A. Like tales of faeries of ten told

A. dies for cold, Like tales of faeries of ten

T. Like tales of faeries, of faeries of ten

B. Like tales of faeries, like tales of faeries of ten told

S. told By doing age that

A. By doing age that dies for cold, that dies

A. told By doing age that dies for cold,

T. told by doing age that dies for cold,

B. by doing age that dies for cold, by doing age

S. dies for cold, by doing age that dies for cold.

A. for cold, by doing age that dies for cold.

A. by doing age that dies for cold, for cold.

T. that dies for cold, by doing age that dies for cold, for cold.

B. that dies for cold, by doing age that dies for cold.

This piece also exists in unpublished form as a consort song for voice (the soprano line in the published version) and four viols.