

I am the Rose of Sharon

Anthem

from *The Singing Master's Assistant* (1778)

SATB a cappella

William Billings
(1746-1800)

(♩ = 120)

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

I am the Rose of Sha - ron and the li - ly of the val - ley,

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I am the Rose of Sha - ron and the li - ly of the val - ley.

I am the Rose of Sha - ron and the li - ly of the val - ley.

I am the Rose of Sha - ron and the li - ly of the val - ley.

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As the Li - ly a - mong the thorns, so is my Love a - mong the Daugh - ters.

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As the Ap - ple - tree, the Ap - ple - tree a - mong the trees of the wood,

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so is my Be - lo - ved a - mong the Sons, so is my Be - lo - ved a -

30

mong the Sons. I sat down un - der his shad - ow with

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great de - light, — And his fruit, — and his fruit was — sweet — to my
 with great de - light,
 great de - light, —
 great de - light, — And his fruit, and his fruit was — sweet — to my

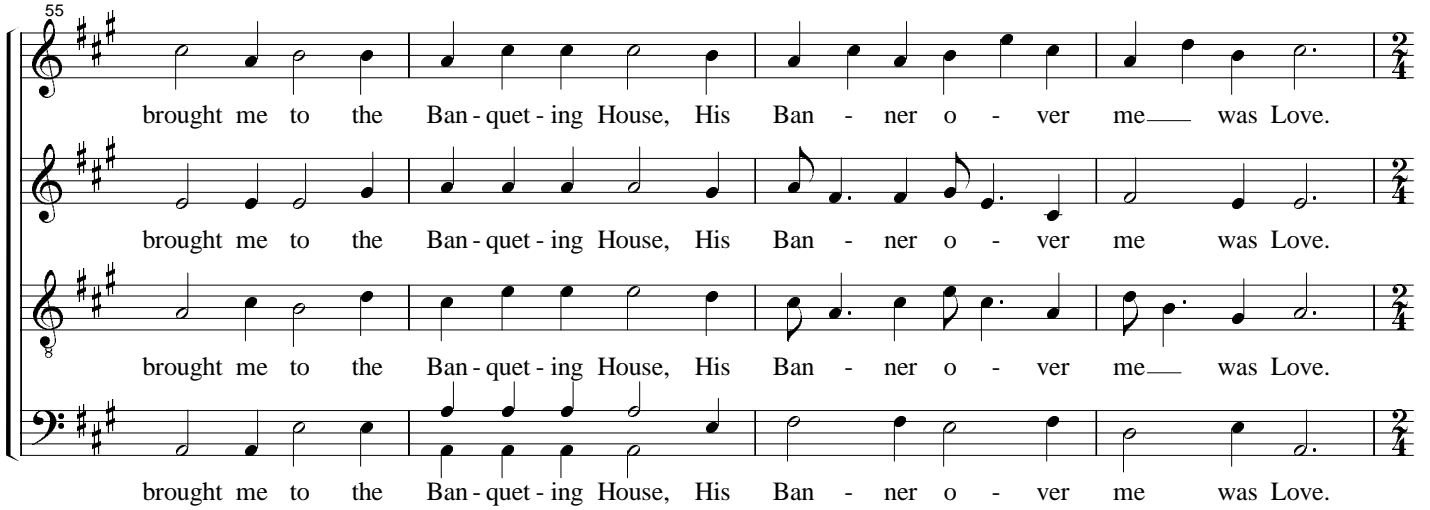
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taste, and his fruit, and his fruit was sweet — to my taste. —
 and his fruit, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. —
 and his fruit — was — sweet to my taste. —
 taste, and his fruit, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. —

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He
 He
 He
 He
 He brought me to the Ban-quet-ing House, His Ban - ner o - ver me — was Love. He

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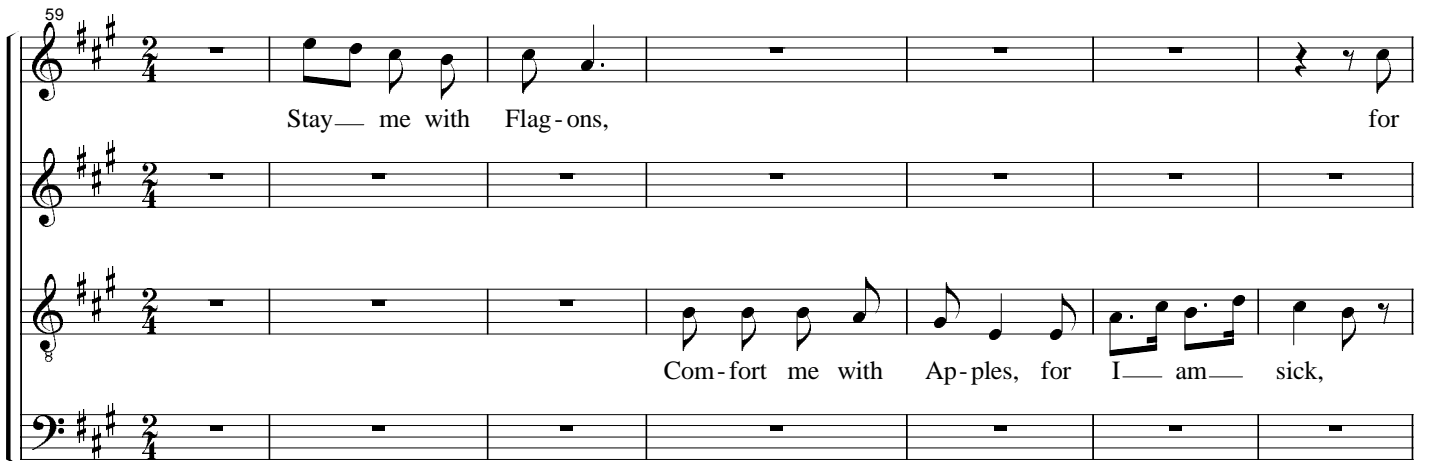
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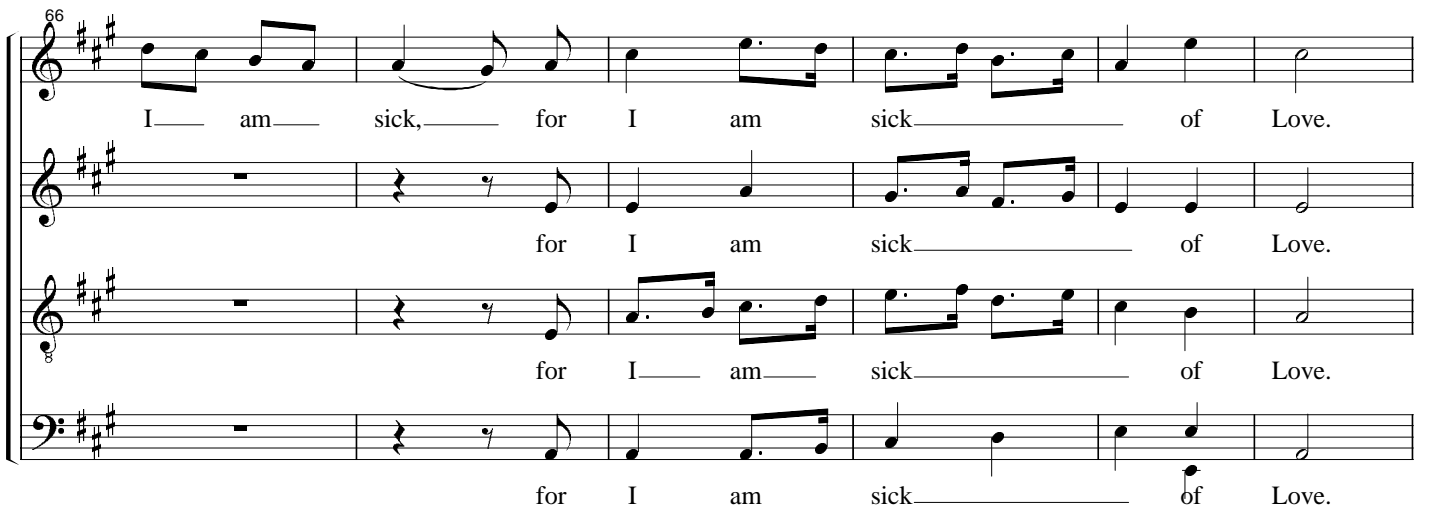
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Stay— me with Flag-ons, for

Com-fort me with Ap-ples, for I— am— sick,

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I— am— sick, — for I am sick — of Love.

for I am sick — of Love.

for I — am — sick — of Love.

for I am sick — of Love.

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I charge you, O ye Daugh - ters of Je - ru - sa - lem, by the Roes and
I charge you, O ye Daugh - ters of Je - ru - sa - lem,
I charge you, O ye Daugh - ters of Je - ru - sa - lem, by the Roes and
I charge you, O ye Daugh - ters of Je - ru - sa - lem,

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by the Hinds of the Field, ———
by the Hinds of the Field, ——— that you stir not up,
that you stir not up,

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that you stir not up nor A - wake, ——— A -
that you stir not up, that you stir not up nor A - wake, ——— A -
that you stir not up nor A - wake, ——— A -
that you stir not up nor A - wake, ——— A -

91

wake, A - wake, A - wake my Love till he

wake, A - wake, A - wake my Love till he

wake, A - wake, A - wake my Love till he

wake, A - wake, A - wake my Love till he

97

please. The voice of my Be - lov - ed,

please.

please.

please.

please. Be - hold, he com - eth,

103

skipp - ing, Leap - ing up - on the moun - tains,

skipp - ing, Leap - ing up - on the moun - tains,

skipp - ing, Leap - ing up - on the moun - tains,

Leap - ing up - on the moun - tains, skipp - ing, Leap - ing up - on the moun - tains,

109

skipp-ing up - on — the Hills. and said — un - to

skipp-ing up - on the Hills.

skipp-ing up - on — the Hills.

skipp-ing up - on the Hills. My Be - lov - ed spake

115

me: rise — up, my

rise up, rise — up, my

rise up, rise up, my

rise up, rise up, my

121

Love, my fair one, and come — a - way, for — Lo, the Win - ter is

Love, my fair one,

Love, my — fair one, and come — a - way,

Love, my fair one, for Lo, the Win - ter is

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past, the rain is o-ver and gone, for lo, the Win-ter is past, the
 for lo, the Win-ter is past, the
 the rain is o-ver and gone, for lo, the Win-ter is past, the
 past, for lo, the Win-ter is past, the

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rain is o-ver and gone, the rain is o-ver, the rain is o-ver and
 rain is o-ver and gone, the rain is o-ver, the rain is o-ver, the rain is o-ver and
 rain is o-ver and gone, the rain is o-ver, the rain is o-ver, the rain is o-ver and
 rain is o-ver and gone, the rain is o-ver, the rain is o-ver, the rain is o-ver and

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gone, for lo, the Win-ter is past, the rain is o-ver and gone.
 gone, for lo, the Win-ter is past, the rain is o-ver and gone.
 gone, for lo, the Win-ter is past, the rain is o-ver and gone.
 gone, for lo, the Win-ter is past, the rain is o-ver and gone.