

## Of gold all burnish'd

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## The first part

Superius  
Medius  
Contratenor  
Tenor  
Bassus

Of gold all bur-nish'd and bright-er than sun -  
Of gold all bur-nish'd and bright-er than sun -  
Of gold all bur-nish'd, and bright-er than sun-beams, than sun -  
Of gold all bur-nish'd and bright-er than sun -  
Of gold all bur-nish'd and bright-er than sun-beams,

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beams, were those curl - èd locks u - pon her no - ble head,  
beams, were those curl - èd locks u - pon her no - ble head, from whose  
beams, were those curl - èd locks u - pon her no - - ble head, from whose  
beams, were those curl - èd locks u - pon her no - ble head, from  
were those curl - èd locks u - pon her no - ble head, from

from whose deep con-ceits, my true de - ser-vings fled,  
- deep con-ceits, from whose deep con-ceits, my true de - ser - vings fled, where - fore  
deep con - ceits, from whose deep con - ceits my true de - ser - vings fled, where  
whose deep con - ceits my true de - ser-vings fled, de - ser-vings fled, where -  
whose deep con - ceits, from whose deep con-ceits, my true de - ser - vings - fled,

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where - fore these mine eyes, such store of tears, such  
 - these mine eyes, where - fore these mine eyes, such store of tears  
 - fore these mine eyes, such store of tears out - streams, out -  
 fore these mine eyes, where - fore these mine eyes such store of tears out-streams, such  
 where - fore these mine eyes, such store of tears,

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store of tears out - streams. Her eyes are fair stars,  
 out - streams, such store of tears out - streams. Her eyes are fair stars,  
 streams, such store of tears out - streams. Her eyes are fair stars, her  
 store of tears of tears out - streams. Her eyes are fair stars,  
 such store of tears of tears out - streams. Her eyes are fair stars, her

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her red like Da-mask rose, her white sil-ver shine of Moon on Cry - stal Stream,  
 her red like Da-mask rose, her white sil-ver shine of Moon on Cry-stal Stream, her beau -  
 red like Da-mask rose, Da-mask rose, her white sil-ver shine of Moon, of Moon on Cry-stal Stream, her beau  
 her red like Da-mask rose, her white sil-ver shine of Moon on Cry - stal Stream, her  
 red like Da-mask rose, her white sil-ver shine of Moon on Cry - stal Stream, her

her beau - ty per - fect, where - on my fan - cies dream: her.

ty per - fect, her beau - ty per - fect, where - on my fan - cies dream: her lips are ru - bies, her

- ty per - fect, her beau - ty per - fect, where - on my fan - cies dream: her lips are ru - bies, her

beau - ty per - fect, where - on my fan - cies dream, my fan - cies dream: her lips are ru - bies,

beau - ty per - fect, her beau - ty per - fect, where - on my fan - cies dream: her lips are ru - bies, her

- lips are ru - bies, her teeth of pearl, her teeth of pearl two rows.

lips are ru - bies, her teeth of pearl two rows, her teeth of pearl two rows.

lips are ru - bies, her teeth of pearl two rows, her teeth of pearl, of pearl two rows.

her teeth of pearl two rows, two rows, her teeth of pearl row rows.

lips are ru - bies, her teeth of pearl, her teeth of pearl, of pearl two rows.

## The second part

Superius Her breath is more sweet than per - fect

Medius Her breath is more sweet, is more sweet, more sweet than per - fect

Contratenor Her breath is more sweet than per - fect Am - ber is,

Tenor Her breath is more sweet, is more sweet than per - fect Am - ber, than

Bassus Her breath is more sweet, is more sweet than per - fect Am - ber,

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Am - ber is, her years are in prime and no - thing

Am - ber is, her years are in prime and no - thing doth she want doth she want and no - thing doth

Am - ber is, her years are in prime and no - thing doth she want, doth she want, and no - thing

Am - ber is, her years are in prime and no - thing doth she want, and no - thing doth she want,

Am - ber is, her years are in prime and no - thing

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doth she want that might draw An - gels from

- she want that might draw An - gels from Heav'n to fur - ther

doth she want that might draw An - gels from Heav'n,

doth she want that might draw An - gels from Heav'n to fur - ther

doth she want that might draw An - gels from Heav'n to fur - ther bliss, to fur - ther

Heav'n, that might draw An - gels from Heav'n to fur - ther bliss, to fur - ther

bliss, that might draw An - gels from Heav'n to fur - ther bliss, from Heav'n to fur - ther

that might draw An - gels from Heav'n, that might draw An - gels from Heav'n to fur - ther bliss,

bliss, that might draw An - gels from Heav'n to fur - ther bliss, to fur - ther

bliss, that might draw An - gels from Heav'n to fur - ther bliss, to fur - ther

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bliss, to fur - ther bliss; Of all things per - fect, this do I  
 bliss, from Heav'n to fur - ther bliss; Of all things per - fect, of all things per - fect, this do I  
 to fur - ther bliss, to fur - ther bliss; Of all things per - fect this do I most com - plain,  
 bliss, to fur - ther bliss; Of all things per - fect, per - fect this do I most com -  
 bliss, to fur - ther bliss, to fur - ther bliss; Of all things per - fect, per - fect this do I most com -

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most com - plain: her heart is a rock made all of  
 most com - plain: her heart is a rock made all of A - da - mant, is a rock made all of A -  
 most com - plain: her heart is a rock made all of A - da - mant, is a rock made all of  
 plain, com - plain: her heart is a rock made all of A - da - mant, made all of A - da - mant, of  
 plain, com - plain: her heart is a rock made all of

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A - da - mant, which gifts all de - light, de - light, which gifts all de -  
 - da - mant, which gifts all de - light, de - light, which gifts all de - light, this  
 A - da - mant, which gifts all de - light, which gifts all de - light, de - light, which gifts all de -  
 A - da - mant, which gifts all de - light, all de - light, which gifts all de - light, de - light,  
 A - da - mant, which gifts all de - light, which gifts all de - light, which gifts all de -

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light, this last doth on - ly\_ pain, this last doth on - ly\_ last doth on - ly pain, this last doth on - ly\_ pain, doth on - ly pain, this last doth on - ly\_pain, doth on - ly light, this last doth on-ly\_ pain, doth on - ly pain, this last doth on - ly\_ pain, this last doth on - ly pain, this last doth on - ly\_ pain, this last light, this last doth on - ly\_ pain, doth on - ly\_ pain, doth on-ly pain, this last doth on - ly\_ pain.

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pain, doth on - ly pain, doth on - ly pain, this last doth on - ly\_ pain. pain, this last doth on - ly pain, this last doth on - ly pain, on - ly pain. this last doth on - ly\_ pain, on - ly pain, this last doth on - ly pain. doth on - ly pain, this last doth on - ly pain, this last doth on - ly pain, doth on - ly pain. pain, doth on - ly\_ pain, this last doth on - - - - ly pain.

Of gold all burnish'd and brighter than sunbeams,  
were those curled locks upon her noble head,  
from whose deep conceits, my true deservings fled,  
wherefore these mine eyes such store of tears outstreams.

Her eyes are fair stars, her red like Damask rose,  
her white silver shine of Moon on Crystal Stream,  
her beauty perfect, whereon my fancies dream:  
her lips are rubies, her teeth of pearl two rows.

Her breath is more sweet than perfect Amber is,  
her years are in prime and nothing doth she want  
that might draw Angels from Heav'n, to further bliss;

Of all things perfect, this do I most complain:  
her heart is a rock made all of Adamant,  
which gifts all delight, this last doth only pain.