

# WHAT NEEDETH ALL THIS TRAVAIL

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(1574-1638)

Transposed down a tone

S  
What nee - deth all this

A  
What nee - deth all

T  
What nee - deth all this tra - vail

B  
What nee - deth all this tra -

7  
— tra - vail and tur - moi - ling, Short' - ning the  
— this tra - vail and tur - moi - ling, Short' - ning the  
and tur - moi - ling, Short' - ning the life's sweet plea - sure, short' -  
vail and tur - moi - ling, Short' - ning the

13  
life's sweet plea - sure, short' - ning the life's sweet plea - sure, short' - ning the  
life's sweet plea - sure, short' - ning the life's sweet plea - sure, short' - ning the  
ning the life's sweet plea - - - sure, short' - ning the life's sweet  
life's sweet plea - sure, short' - ning the life's sweet

18  
life's sweet plea - sure, To seek this far - fetch'd trea - sure, to  
life's sweet plea - sure, To seek this far - fetch'd trea - sure,  
plea - - - sure, To seek this  
plea - - - sure, To seek this far - fetch'd trea - sure, this far - fetch'd trea -

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— seek this far - fetch'd trea - sure, to — seek — this far -  
to seek this far - fetch'd trea - sure, to seek this far -  
far - fetch'd trea - sure, this far - fetch'd trea - sure, to seek this  
sure, to seek this far - fetch'd trea - sure, to seek this far -

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of music, measures 23 through 27. It features four staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (alto clef), and a bass line (bass clef). The music is in a minor key with a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are spread across the staves, with some words like 'to' and 'seek' appearing on multiple lines.

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- fetch'd — trea - sure — In — those hot cli - mates, in those hot  
fetch'd — trea - sure In those hot cli - mates, in those hot  
far - fetch'd trea - sure In — those hot cli - mates un - der —  
fetch'd trea - sure

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of music, measures 28 through 33. It features four staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (alto clef), and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics continue from the previous system, with 'In those hot climates' being a key phrase. The music maintains the same key and time signature.

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cli - mates un - der — Phoe - bus broi - ling,  
cli - mates — un - der Phoe - bus broi - ling, in those hot cli - mates,  
Phoe - bus broi - ling, in those hot cli - - - mates, in those hot  
In those hot cli - - -

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of music, measures 34 through 38. It features four staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (alto clef), and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics introduce 'Phoe - bus broi - ling' and repeat 'in those hot climates'. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

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in those hot cli - mates, in those hot cli -  
in those hot cli - mates, in those hot cli - mates,  
cli - mates, in those hot cli - mates, in those —  
mates, in those hot cli - mates un - - -

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth system of music, measures 39 through 43. It features four staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (alto clef), and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics repeat 'in those hot climates' multiple times. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note rhythmic pattern.

43

- mates un - der Phoe - bus broi - - - - ling?  
in those hot cli - mates un - der Phoe - bus broi - ling?  
- hot cli - mates un - der Phoe - bus broi - ling?  
- - der Phoe - bus broi - - - - - ling?

48

O - - - - fools, can you not see a traf - fic nea -  
O - - - - fools, can you not see a traf - fic nea - rer,  
O - - - - fools, can you not see a traf - fic

53

- - - - rer; In my sweet  
O fools, can you not see a traf - fic nea - rer;  
nea - - - - rer, O fools, can you not see a traf -  
O fools, can you not see a traf - fic nea -

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La - dy's face, in my sweet La - dy's face, in my sweet La - dy's face, in my sweet  
In - - - - my sweet La - dy's face, in my sweet La - dy's face, in - - - - my sweet La - dy's  
- fic nea - - - - rer, In my sweet La - dy's face, in my sweet  
rer In my sweet La - dy's face, in my sweet La - dy's

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La - dy's face, where Na - ture show - eth What - e - ver trea - sure  
face where Na - ture show - eth What - e - ver trea - sure eye  
La - dy's face, where Na - ture show - eth What - e - ver trea - sure  
face where Na - ture show - eth What - e - ver trea - sure

Detailed description: This system contains measures 63 through 68. It features four staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (treble clef), a vocal line (alto clef), and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The music is in a minor key with a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "La - dy's face, where Na - ture show - eth What - e - ver trea - sure" (measures 63-64), "face where Na - ture show - eth What - e - ver trea - sure eye" (measures 65-66), "La - dy's face, where Na - ture show - eth What - e - ver trea - sure" (measures 67-68).

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- eye - sees - or heart - know - eth? Ru - bies and dia - monds dain -  
- sees - or heart know - eth? Ru - bies and dia - monds dain - ty,  
eye - sees - or heart know - eth? Ru - bies and  
eye sees or heart know - eth? Ru - bies and

Detailed description: This system contains measures 69 through 74. It features four staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (treble clef), a vocal line (alto clef), and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The music is in a minor key with a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "- eye - sees - or heart - know - eth? Ru - bies and dia - monds dain -" (measures 69-70), "- sees - or heart know - eth? Ru - bies and dia - monds dain - ty," (measures 71-72), "eye - sees - or heart know - eth? Ru - bies and" (measures 73-74).

75

ty, ru - bies and dia - monds dain - ty, And O - rient pearls such plen - ty, and O - rient  
ru - bies and dia - monds dain - ty, And O - rient pearls such plen -  
dia - monds dain - ty, ru - bies and dia - monds dain - ty, And O - rient pearls such plen - ty,  
dia - monds dain - ty, ru - bies and dia - monds dain - ty, And O - rient pearls such plen -

Detailed description: This system contains measures 75 through 80. It features four staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (treble clef), a vocal line (alto clef), and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The music is in a minor key with a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "ty, ru - bies and dia - monds dain - ty, And O - rient pearls such plen - ty, and O - rient" (measures 75-76), "ru - bies and dia - monds dain - ty, And O - rient pearls such plen -" (measures 77-78), "dia - monds dain - ty, ru - bies and dia - monds dain - ty, And O - rient pearls such plen - ty," (measures 79-80).

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pearls such plen - ty, Co - ral and am - ber - gris sweet - er and  
ty, Co - ral and am - ber - gris sweet - er and dear - er, co - ral and  
Co - ral and am - ber - gris sweet - er and dear - er, co - ral and am - ber -  
ty, Co - ral and am - ber - gris sweet - er and dear - er,

Detailed description: This system contains measures 80 through 85. It features four staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (treble clef), a vocal line (alto clef), and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The music is in a minor key with a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "pearls such plen - ty, Co - ral and am - ber - gris sweet - er and" (measures 80-81), "ty, Co - ral and am - ber - gris sweet - er and dear - er, co - ral and" (measures 82-83), "Co - ral and am - ber - gris sweet - er and dear - er, co - ral and am - ber -" (measures 84-85).

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dear-er, co - ral and am - ber-gris sweet - er and dear - er  
 am - ber-gris sweet - er and dear - er Than which the  
 gris sweet - er and dear - er Than which the South Seas or Mo -  
 co - ral and am - ber - gris sweet - er and dear - er Than which the South Seas

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Than which the South Seas or Mo - luc - cas lend us,  
 South Seas or Mo - luc - cas lend us, lend us,  
 luc - cas lend us, lend us, than which the  
 or Mo - - - luc - - - cas lend us, than

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than which the South Seas or Mo-luc - cas lend us, Or ei - ther  
 than which the South Seas or Mo-luc-cas lend us, Or ei - ther  
 South Seas or Mo - luc - cas lend us, Or ei - ther In - dies,  
 which the South Seas or Mo - luc - cas lend us, Or

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In-dies, or ei - ther In-dies, East or West, do send us.  
 In - dies, or ei - ther In-dies, East or West, do send us.  
 or ei - ther In-dies, or ei - ther In-dies, East or West, do send us.  
 ei - ther In-dies, East or West, do send us.