

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

d = 60

The first system of the musical score is for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It consists of four staves. The Soprano staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics for the Soprano part are: "If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Fa - - - ther,". The Alto staff has the lyrics: "If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will". The Tenor staff has the lyrics: "If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Fa - ther,". The Bass staff has the lyrics: "If ye love me, keep my commandments, and". The music is written in a style characteristic of the English Renaissance, with a focus on the text and a steady, slow tempo.

Soprano
If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Fa - - - ther,

Alto
If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will

Tenor
If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Fa - ther,

Bass
If ye love me, keep my commandments, and

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The second system of the musical score continues the piece. It consists of four staves for Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), and Bass (B.). The Soprano staff has the lyrics: "and He shall give you a - no - ther com - for - ter". The Alto staff has the lyrics: "pray the Fa - - - ther, and He shall give you a - no - ther com - - - for - ter,". The Tenor staff has the lyrics: "and He shall give you a - no - - - ther com - for - ter,". The Bass staff has the lyrics: "I will pray the Fa - ther, and He shall give you a - no - ther com - for - ter,". The music continues with the same tempo and key signature as the first system.

S.
and He shall give you a - no - ther com - for - ter

A.
pray the Fa - - - ther, and He shall give you a - no - ther com - - - for - ter,

T.
and He shall give you a - no - - - ther com - for - ter,

B.
I will pray the Fa - ther, and He shall give you a - no - ther com - for - ter,

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S. that He may bid with you for - ev -

A. that He may bid with you for - e - ver, with you for - ev -

T. that He may bid with you for - ev - - ver, that He may bid with you for - ev -

B. that He may bid with you for - ev - er, may bid with you for - ev -

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S. er, ev'n the spir't of truth, ev'n the spir't of

A. er, ev'n the spir't of truth, ev'n the spir't of truth, ev'n the

T. er, ev'n the spir't of truth, the spir't of truth, ev'n the spir't of

B. er, ev'n the spir't of truth, the spir't of truth, ev'n

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S. truth, ev'n the spir't of truth. truth.

A. spir't of truth, ev'n the spir't of truth. truth.

T. truth, the spir't of truth, the spir't of truth. truth.

B. the spir't of truth, the spir't of truth. truth.