

Simon Porter

Vertue

SATB (divisi)

Sweet day, so cool, so calm, so bright,
The bridall of the earth and skie:
The dew shall weep thy fall to night;
For thou must die.

Sweet rose, whose hue angrie and brave
Bids the rash gazer wipe his eye:
Thy root is ever in its grave
And thou must die.

Sweet spring, full of sweet dayes and roses,
A box where sweets compacted lie;
My musick shows ye have your closes,
And all must die.

Onely a sweet and vertuous soul,
Like season'd timber, never gives;
But though the whole world turn to coal,
Then chiefly lives.

George Herbert

Commissioned by Simon Surtees

Vertue

GEORGE HERBERT

SIMON PORTER

ppp *Distantly* Sweet sweet day *mp*

SOPRANO
Sweet sweet day day

ppp Sweet *mp* day

ALTO
Sweet sweet day

ppp *mp*

TENOR
Sweet day sweet day

ppp *mp*

BASS
Sweet day

A

tempo rubato

SOLO SOP.

mp dolce

TUTTI

a tempo

7 Sweet day, so cool, so ca-lm, so bright, The bri - dall of the

pp Mm bright, Mm

tutti , The bri - dall of the

bright, Mm

bright, Mm

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earth and skie: The dew_____

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The dew_____ shall weep_____ TUTTI

earth and skie: The dew_____ thy fall_____ to night; *Mm*

earth and skie: dew_____

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B *mf*

Mm *mm*_____ die._____ Sweet_____ rose,_____

Mm *mm*_____ die._____ Sweet_____ rose,_____

For_ thou must die._____ Sweet_____ rose,_____

(*mm*)_____ die._____ rose,

Mm *mm*_____ die._____ Sweet_____ rose,_____

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whose hue ang - rie and brave, bids the rash ga - zer

whose hue ang - rie and brave, bids the rash ga - zer

hue ang - rie and brave, rash ga - zer

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wipe his eye. Thy root is e - ver in its

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wipe eye. Root is e'er

wipe eye. Root e - ver

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grave _____ Mm_____ and thou must die._____

grave _____ Mm_____ and_____ thou must die. _____ Sweet

grave_____ Mm_____ and thou must die. _____ Sweet

grave_____ Mm_____ and thou must die.

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spring,_____ spring_____ sweet_____ dayes_____

spring,_____ spring_____ full of sweet dayes

spring,_____ spring_____ full sweet dayes

spring,_____ spring_____ sweet dayes

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p *rit.* *p*

sweets

and ro - ses, a box where sweets Mm My

and ro - ses, Ah sweets Mm My

and ro - ses, Ah sweets Mm My

and ro - ses, Ah sweets com-pac-ted-lie;

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mf *mp* close N.B.

shows ye

mu - sic shows ye mu - sic have your clo - ses,

mu - sic shows ye mu - sic have your clo - ses,

mu - sic shows ye mu - sic have your clo - ses,

mu - sic shows ye mu - sic have your clo - ses,

allow previous chord to dissipate

D

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p > *al niente* *f* **Cantabile**

and all must die. One - ly a

and all must die. One -

and all must die. One -

and all must die. One -

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poco rit. **a tempo**

sweet and ver - tu - ous soul,

ly ver - tu - ous soul,

ly ver - tu - ous soul,

ly ver - tue ah soul,

67 *rit.* *Maestoso*
a tempo *poco rit.* . . . **a tempo**

Like sea - son'd ti - m - ber, ti - m - ber,
 Like sea - son'd tim - ber
 Like sea - son'd ti - m - ber,
 Like sea - son'd tim - ber,

72 *poco rit.* . . **a tempo**
 SOLO SOP. TUTTI
 gives; But though the whole world.

ne - ver gives; Though whole world.
 ne - ver gives; But world
 ne - ver gives; Gives; Though world
 ne - ver gives; Gives; Though world

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turns to coal,

turns to coal,

turns to coal,

turns to coal,

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Serenely

Then chiefly lives.

Then chiefly lives.

Then lives.

Then lives.