

# By a fountain where I lay

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Cantus

By a fountain where I lay, All blessed  
 Fair with garlands all adressed, Was never  
 Then I forthwith took my pipe Which I - - all

Altus

Tenor

Bassus

Lute

r e f a r r o o r a a f b f a b a r o b

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be that - - blessed day! By the glim-'ring of the  
 nymph more - - fairly bless'dBless- ed in the highest de-  
 fair and - - clean did wipe, And up- on a heav'n- ly

Lute

r r r r a r o f h f f r o r a e f o o r a a f b f r e a r e r g r e e r e f a r r o b

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sun, O nev- - - er be her - - shin- ing done!  
 gree, So may - - she ev- er - - bless- ed be!  
 ground, All in - - the grace of - - beau- ty found.

Figured bass:  $b a \quad \delta \quad b \quad \delta \quad a \quad a \quad \delta \quad \delta \quad f \quad h \quad f \quad \delta \quad r \quad \delta \quad r \quad a \quad 1$

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When I might see a- lone My true love's fair- est one,  
 Came to this foun- tain near With such a smil- ing cheer.<sup>1)</sup>  
 Play'd this - roun- de- lay: Wel- come, fair Queen of May!

Figured bass:  $a \quad a \quad a \quad a \quad a \quad a \quad 1 \quad r \quad a \quad r \quad a \quad a \quad 1 \quad 1$

1) Here, "cheer" means "countenance".

Love's dear light, Love's clear sight, No world's eyes can clear-er see,  
 Such a face! Such a grace! Hap-py, hap-py eyes that see  
 Sing, sweet air, Wel-come, fair! Wel-come be the shep-herds' Queen,

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A fair-er sight none, none sight can be.  
 Such a heav'n-ly sight to see.  
 The glo-ry of - The all our green!