

Disdain me still

Words ascribed to William, Earl of Pembroke

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Dis- dain me still, that I may ev- er love,
As heat to life, so is de- sire - to love,

1 a r r r a a a r e a e a r e e r

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For who his Love en- joys - can love, can
And these once quench'd both life, - both life and

e p e r r r d r r a a a a a r e a a r

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love no - - more. The war - - once past, with ease
love, and love are gone. Let not - - my tears, my tears

a r e e e d e e a a a r e p e e r

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- men cow- - ards prove: And ships re- - - turn'd do -
- thy vir- - tue move, Like bas- er - - met- tals -

a r a a e r r r d a r e a a a r e a a

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rot up- on the shore. And - though thou frown, I'll
do not melt too soon. Laugh - at my woes al-

Figured bass notation for piano accompaniment:
 Measure 20: a a | r r b |
 Measure 21: a | r r |
 Measure 22: a r b r a |
 Measure 23: g e g |
 Measure 24: g |

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say thou art most fair, most - fair: And still I'll
though I ev- er mourn, ev- er mourn, Love sur-

Figured bass notation for piano accompaniment:
 Measure 25: e r e f | a r r a a |
 Measure 26: a f e r r a r | e a a |
 Measure 27: f e r | e r |
 Measure 28: e r a | d r |
 Measure 29: r r | r a a |

- love and still I'll - love, I'll love, though still, though
- feits, love sur- feits - with re- ward, his nurse is

Figured bass notation for piano accompaniment:
 Measure 30: a a | a | a a | a a | a a |
 Measure 31: r a | d r | r a | d | r a r |
 Measure 32: a | a | a | e |

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still - I must des- pair.
scorn, - his nurse is scorn.

Figured bass notation for piano accompaniment:
 Measure 35: e r a | r a r | a |
 Measure 36: a r r a r | b r b | a |
 Measure 37: r | r | r | a |