

# 23. If all the ages of the earth

Poem by Ben Jonson

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If all the a- ges of the earth Were

a r r a r a a r a

e e a e r a

Detailed description: This system contains the first four measures of the piece. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are "If all the a- ges of the earth Were". The bass line is in bass clef. The lute tablature is on a six-line staff with letters 'a', 'r', and 'e' indicating fret positions.

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crowned but with this fa- mous birth, but with this fa-

r r a a r r a a r a a r a

r e b r a e a

Detailed description: This system contains measures 5 through 8. The lyrics are "crowned but with this fa- mous birth, but with this fa-". The notation continues with the vocal line, bass line, and lute tablature.

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mous birth; And when they would

e a a e a a a r a a r a a r a

a r r a r r b r a e r a e

Detailed description: This system contains measures 9 through 12. The lyrics are "mous birth; And when they would". Measure 9 is marked with a box containing the number 10. The notation continues with the vocal line, bass line, and lute tablature.

boast their store Of wor- thy queens, of wor- thy

The first system of music consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are "boast their store Of wor- thy queens, of wor- thy". The middle staff is a bass line in bass clef. The bottom staff is a figured bass line with notes and figures:   
 Staff 1: r a r a | | r a | r a | o r a r |  
 Staff 2: b | r r a | e r a | e r a |  
 Staff 3: | | | | |

15 queens they know no more; How hap- pier is that age can

The second system of music consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are "queens they know no more; How hap- pier is that age can". The middle staff is a bass line in bass clef. The bottom staff is a figured bass line with notes and figures:   
 Staff 1: r e r r | | r a | r a | r e r r |  
 Staff 2: f f r e | r r | a a | f e r r |  
 Staff 3: | | | | |

20 give A queen in whom they all do live. And live.

The third system of music consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are "give A queen in whom they all do live. And live.". The middle staff is a bass line in bass clef. The bottom staff is a figured bass line with notes and figures:   
 Staff 1: | r a r | | r a a a e | 1 a a | 2 a a |  
 Staff 2: | a b a | | a b a e | 1 a a | 2 a a |  
 Staff 3: | a | | r r | a | a |