

Could my heart

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The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and B-flat key signature. The lyrics are written below the top three staves, with some words underlined. Measure numbers 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 are indicated above the staves. The bottom staff is a basso continuo staff with a cello-like line and a bassoon-like line.

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Could my heart more tongues em- ploy Than it har- bours
Hap- py minds that can re- deem Their en- gage- ments
Yet no art or cau- tion can Grown af- fec- tions

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thoughts of grief; It is now so far from joy That it
how they please, That no joys or hopes es- teen Half so
eas- 'ly change. Use is such a lord of man That he

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scarce could ask re- lief. Tru- est hearts by deeds un-
pre- cious as their ease. Wis- dom should pre- pare men
brooks worst what is strange. Bet- ter ne- ver to be

20
kind To de- spair are most in- clined.
so As if they did all fore- know.
blest Than to lose that is best.

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