

Dainty fine bird

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The musical score consists of five staves of music in common time, with a basso continuo staff at the bottom. The top four staves represent vocal parts, while the bottom staff represents a continuo instrument like a harpsichord or organ.

Staff 1 (Soprano): The soprano part begins with a rest followed by a melodic line. The lyrics are: "Dain- ty fine bird that art en- cag- ed there," with a fermata over the last note.

Staff 2 (Alto): The alto part provides harmonic support, consisting mostly of sustained notes and short melodic fragments.

Staff 3 (Tenor): The tenor part features rhythmic patterns and sustained notes. It includes the lyrics: "A-las how like thine and my for-

Staff 4 (Bass): The bass part also provides harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns.

Basso Continuo Staff: This staff uses a unique notation with vertical stems and horizontal dashes. It includes the lyrics: "tunes are, a-las, how like thine and my for- tunes are. Both pris 'ners be; and both sing- ing, thus, and both sing- ing, thus, and

Measure Numbers: Measure numbers 10, 15, and 20 are indicated above the music in the middle section.

both sing- ing, thus strive to please her that hath im- pris- on'd

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us. On- ly thus we dif- fer, thou and I, and I:

[34]

Thou liv'st sing- ing, but I sing and die,

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thou liv'st sing- ing but I sing and die, I sing and die, and die.