

PHYLLIS, FAREWELL

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Phyllis, farewell, I may no longer live;
 Yet if I die, fair Phyllis, I forgive.
 I live too long; come, gentle death and end
 My endless torment, or my grief amend.

Madrigals I à 3, 4, 5, 6 (1604), xii

Alfredo Obertello, in his valuable study of madrigal texts (*Madrigali Italiani in Inghilterra*, Milan, 1949), finds that this lyric has certain definite Italian features. The music, in contrast, has more affinity with the canzonet than with the madrigal, and the pervading touch of artless simplicity should be brought out in rehearsal and played down in performance. The phrase beginning on the last beat of bar 18 should be carried through bar 20/21 to maintain the sense. A quick breath can be taken after 'torment'.

First system of the musical score for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass). The music is in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are: Phyl - lis, fare - well, I may no lon - ger live, I

Second system of the musical score, starting with a measure rest of 5 measures. The lyrics are: may no lon - ger live; Yet if I die, may no lon - ger live; Yet if I die, yet may no lon - ger live; Yet if I

yet if I die, fair Phyl - lis, I for -
 yet if I die, fair Phyl - lis, I for -
 if I die, fair Phyl - lis, I for -
 die, yet if I die,

- give, fair Phyl - lis, I for - give. I live too
 - give, fair Phyl - lis, I for - give. I live too
 - give, fair Phyl - lis, I for - give. I live too
 fair Phyl - lis, I for - give.

long, I live too long, come, gen - tle death and
 long, I live too long, come, gen - tle death and
 long, I live too long, come, gen - tle death and
 I live too long, come, gen - tle death and

end, come gen - tle death and end My
 end, come gen - tle death and end
 end, come gen - tle death and end My end - less
 end, My end - less

end - less tor - ment, or my grief a - mend, or my grief

My end - less tor - ment, or my

tor - ment, or my grief a - mend, my grief a -

tor - ment, or my grief a - - mend;

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a - mend; my

grief, my grief a - mend; my end - less tor - ment, or my

- mend; my end - less tor - ment, or my grief a -

my end - less tor - ment, or my grief a -

end - less tor - ment, or my grief

grief a - mend; my end - less tor - ment, or my grief

- mend; my end - less tor - ment, or my

- mend; my end - less tor - ment, or my grief

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1. 2.

a - mend. I live too - mend.

a - mend. I live too - mend.

grief a - mend. I live too - mend.

a - mend. - mend.