

This Sweet and Merry Month of May

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Musical score for the first system of 'This Sweet and Merry Month of May'. The score is in 2/2 time and B-flat major. It features six vocal parts: SUPERIUS (Soprano 1), SEXTUS (Soprano 2), MEDIUS (Alto), CONTRATENOR (Tenor), TENOR (Baritone), and BASSUS (Bass). The lyrics for the Soprano parts are: 'This sweet and mer - ry, mer - ry month, and mer - ry, mer - ry' for Soprano 1, and 'This sweet and mer - ry, mer - ry month, and' for Soprano 2. The other parts have rests.

Musical score for the second system of 'This Sweet and Merry Month of May', starting at measure 4. It features six vocal parts: S1 (Soprano 1), S2 (Soprano 2), A. (Alto), T. (Tenor), Bar. (Baritone), and B. (Bass). The lyrics are: S1: 'month of May, and mer - ry month of May, of May,'; S2: 'mer - ry, mer - ry month of May, and mer - ry month of May, of'; A.: 'This sweet and mer - ry, mer - ry month, and mer - ry, mer - ry month of May,'; T.: 'And mer - ry, mer - ry month, and mer - ry, mer - ry month of May,'; Bar.: 'While Na -'; B.: 'Wile'.

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S1 While Na - ture wan - tons in her prime, _____ wan -

S2 May, _____ While Na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons

A. While Na - ture wan - tons. wan - tons in her prime, while Na - ture wan -

T. _____ While Na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in her

Bar. _____ - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in her _____ prime, _____ wan - tons in her prime, _____

B. _____ Na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in her prime, while Na - ture wan - tons,

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S1 _____ - tons in her prime, _____ And birds do sing, _____

S2 _____ in her prime, _____ in her prime, _____ And birds do sing, _____

A. _____ tons in _____ her _____ prime, in _____ her prime, _____ And birds do sing, _____

T. _____ prime, in _____ her _____ prime, And birds do sing, _____ and birds do

Bar. _____ in her _____ prime, _____ And birds do sing, _____ and

B. _____ wan - tons in _____ her prime, _____ And birds do

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S1 and birds do sing, and birds do sing, and beasts do
S2 and birds do sing, and beasts do play, do play,
A. and birds do sing, do sing, and beasts do play, and
T. sing, and birds do sing, and beasts do play, and
Bar. birds do sing, and beasts do play, do play,
B. sing, and birds do sing, and beasts do play, do

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S1 play, do play, do play, and beasts do play,
S2 and beasts do play, do play, do play, and beasts do
A. beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play, do play, and beasts
T. beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play, do play, and beasts
Bar. and beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play, do play, do play, do
B. play, and beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play, do play, do

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S1 do play For plea - sure of the joy - ful

S2 play For plea - sure of the joy - ful time,

A. do play, do play For plea - sure, for plea - sure of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful

T. do play For plea - sure of the joy - ful

Bar. play, do play For plea - sure of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful

B. play, do play, do play For plea - sure of the joy - ful time,

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S1 time, of the joy - ful time, I choosethe first for

S2 of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time, I choosethe first for ho - li - day, for ho -

A. time, the joy - ful time, I choosethe first for ho - li - day,

T. time, the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time, I choosethe first for

Bar. time, of the joy - ful time, I choosethe first for ho - li - day,

B. of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time, I choosethe first for ho - li - day, I choose the

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S1
ho - li - day, _____ for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - li - za, E - li -

S2
- li - day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day,

A.
for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And

T.
ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And greet _____ E - li - za, E - li -

Bar.
for ho - li - day, for _____ ho - li - day, And greet _____ E - li - za, E -

B.
first for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - li - za, E - li -

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S1
za with a rhyme, with a rhyme, and greet E -

S2
And greet E - li - za, E - li - za with a rhyme,

A.
greet E - li - za, E - li - za with a rhyme, with a rhyme, and greet E - li -

T.
- za with a rhyme, and greet E - li - za, E - li - za, and

Bar.
li - za with _____ a _____ rhyme, and greet E - li - za with a rhyme,

B.
za with a rhyme, with a rhyme, and greet E -

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S1
li - za, E - li - za with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with

S2
with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with

A.
- za, E - li - za with a rhyme, with a

T.
greet E - li - za with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with

Bar.
and greet E - li - za with a rhyme, with a rhyme,

B.
li - za, E - li - za with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with

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S1
a rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond

S2
a rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen,

A.
rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen, O

T.
a rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy, O

Bar.
with a rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy,

B.
a rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond

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S1 Troy, Take

S2 O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy,

A. beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy, Take

T. beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy, of se - cond Troy,

Bar. O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond, of se - cond, of se - cond Troy, -

B. Troy, O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond Troy, Take

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S1 well in worth, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, a

S2 Take well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, take

A. well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, take well in worth a

T. Take well in worth, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy,

Bar. Take well in worth a sim - ple toy, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, a

B. well in worth, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, take well in worth a sim - ple toy,

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S1
sim - ple toy, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy,

S2
well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, take well in worth

A.
sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, a

T.
take well in worth a sim - ple toy, take well in worth

Bar.
sim - ple toy, take well in worth a sim - ple toy, take

B.
a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, take

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S1
a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.

S2
a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.

A.
sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.

T.
a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.

Bar.
well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.

B.
well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.