

To The Ladies

Songs for Male Chorus
by John W. Ward

- ⇒ • No Platonic Love – William Cartwright (1611-1643)
 - TBB a cappella
- Let the Toast Pass – Richard Brinsley Sheridan (1751-1816)
- Jenny Kiss'd Me – Leigh Hunt (1784-1859)

“No Platonic Love”, by William Cartwright (1611-1643)

Tell me no more of minds embracing minds,
And hearts exchange'd for hearts;
That spirits spirits meet, as winds do winds,
And mix their subt'lest parts;
That two unbodied essences may kiss,
And then like angels, twist and feel one bliss.

I was that silly thing that once was wrought
To practice this thin love;
I climb'd from sex to soul, from soul to thought;
But thinking there to move,
Headlong I rolled from thought to soul, and then
From soul I lighted at the sex again.

As some strict down-looked men pretend to fast,
Who yet in closets eat;
So lovers who profess they spirits taste,
Feed yet on grosser meat;
I know they boast they souls to souls convey,
Howe'er they meet, the body is the way.

Come I will undeceive thee, they that tread
Those vain aerial ways,
Are like young heirs and alchemists misled
To waste their wealth and days,
For searching thus to be for ever rich,
They only find a med'cine for the itch.

No Platonic Love

William Cartwright, 1611-1643

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Adagio (♩ = c. 68-72)

Voice 1
Tell me no more...
Freely flowing legato, as chant

Voice
Tell me no more of minds em - bra - cing

Voice 2
Tell me no more... mmm...

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8
5
That spi - rits spi - rits meet, as winds do

minds, And hearts ex - chang'd for hearts; Spi - rits meet, as winds do

for hearts; Mmm...

9 winds, And mix their subt'-lest parts; And then like

9 winds, And mix their subt'-lest parts; That two un - bo-died es - sen - ces may kiss, _____

_____ And mix their subt'-lest parts; That two un - bo-died es - sen - ces may kiss, _____

14 Angels, twist and feel one Bliss. In madrigal style?

14 _____ and feel one _____ Bliss. I was that sil - ly

_____ and feel _____ one Bliss. I was that sil - ly thing that once was

19 I was that sil - ly thing to prac - tise this thin love;

19 thing that once was wrought to prac - tise this _____ thin, this thin love;

wrought to prac - tise this thin love; wrought to prac - tise this thin love; I

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8 I climb'd from sex to soul, from soul to thought; from

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I climb'd from sex to soul, from soul to

climb'd from sex to soul, — from soul to thought; from sex — to — soul, from

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8 sex, from sex to soul to thought; *mp* But thin - king there, but

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thought; from sex to soul, from soul to thought; *mp* thin - king there, but

soul to thought; from sex to soul to thought; *mp* thin - king there, but

31

8 thin-king there to move, *mf* Head - long I rolled — from thought to soul, and

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thin-king, thin-king there to move, *mf* Head - long I rolled, — and

thin-king, thin-king there to move, Head - long I rolled from thought to soul, from

mf

35 $(\text{♩} = \text{♩})$

8 then From soul I ligh-ted at the sex a - gain. *mp* As some strict

35 then From soul I ligh-ted at sex a - gain. *mp* As some strict

thought to soul and then I ligh-ted at sex a - gain. *mp* As some strict

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8 down-looked men pre-tend to fast, Who yet in clo-sets eat; So lo-vers who pro -

40 men pre-tend to fast, Who yet in clo - sets eat; Lo - vers pro -

men fast, Who in clo - sets eat; Lo - vers pro -

44

8 fess they spi - rits taste, Feed yet on gros-ser meat; I know they boast they

44 fess they spi - rits taste, Feed yet on gros-ser meat; I know they boast they

fess they spi - rits taste, Feed on gros-ser meat; I know they boast they

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souls to souls convey, How-e'er they meet, the body is the

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souls to souls convey, How-e'er they meet the body is the

souls to souls convey, How-e'er they meet the body is the

52

(♩ = ♩)

way. *mf* they that tread Those vain ae -

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way. *mp* Come, I will undeceive thee, they that tread Those vain ae -

way. *mp* Mmm...

56

ri-al ways, Are like young heirs and al-chemists misled To waste their

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ri-al ways, Are like young heirs and al-chemists misled To waste their

— those ways, Are *mf* like young heirs and al-chemists misled To waste their

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wealth and day, They on - ly find a med'-cine

wealth and days, For sear-ching thus to be for e - ver rich, They on - ly find a med'-cine

wealth and days, For sear-ching thus to be for e - ver rich, They on - ly find a med'-cine

65 *rall.*

for the i - - - tch.

for the i - - - tch.

for the i - - - tch.