

Faire in a morne

from the First Booke of Ayres, 1600

Thomas Morley (1558-1603)

Faire in a morne oh fair - est morne was eu - er morne so faire,_____

The first system of the musical score consists of four measures. The vocal line (top staff) begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "Faire in a morne oh fair - est morne was eu - er morne so faire,_____". The accompaniment is written for two staves: a right-hand staff with a treble clef and a left-hand staff with a bass clef. The right-hand accompaniment features a steady eighth-note accompaniment, while the left-hand accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines.

When as the sun, but not the same that shin - ed in the ayre,_____

The second system of the musical score consists of four measures. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "When as the sun, but not the same that shin - ed in the ayre,_____". The musical notation and accompaniment continue from the first system, maintaining the same key signature and time signature.

And on a hill, O fair - est hill, was neu - er hill so bless - ed,

The third system of the musical score consists of four measures. The vocal line concludes with the lyrics: "And on a hill, O fair - est hill, was neu - er hill so bless - ed,". The musical notation and accompaniment continue from the previous systems, ending with a final cadence.

There stooode a man was neu - er man for no man so dis -

This system of musical notation includes a vocal line and three lute lines. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics 'There stooode a man was neu - er man for no man so dis -'. The lute lines provide harmonic accompaniment with various rhythmic patterns and accidentals.

tress - ed. There tress - ed.

This system continues the musical score. The vocal line has rests for the first three measures, then the lyrics 'tress - ed. There tress - ed.'. The lute lines continue with their accompaniment. A double bar line with a repeat sign is present at the end of the system.

2. But of the earth no earthly Sunne, and yet no earthly creature,
 There stooode a face was neuer face, that carried such a feature,
 This man had hap O happie man, no man so hapt as he,
 For none had hap to see the hap, that he had hapt to see.

3. And as he behold this man beheld, he saw so faire a face,
 The which would daunt the fairest here, and staine the brauest grace,
 Pittie, he cried, and pittie came, and pittied for his paine,
 That dying would not let him die, but gaue him life againe.

4. For joy where of he made such mirth, that all the world did ring,
 And Pan with all his Nimphes came forth, to hear the Shepherds sing,
 But such a song song neuer was, nor nere will be againe,
 Of Philida the shepherds Queene, and Coridon the swaine.