

The King's delight

The Batchelor's Delight

from the Dancing Master, 2nd Suppl. to 3rd Ed., 1665

Lyrics by F.G. from the Roxburghe Ballads

G G D G

The world's a blis - ter sweld with care, much
Man is a lit - tle world of him - self, and
And there - fore I will sin - gle live, in
And last - ly, to con - clude my song, vain

Detailed description: This is the first system of a musical score for 'The King's delight'. It consists of four staves: a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature, and three accompaniment staves (two in treble clef and one in bass clef) in the same key and time. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. Above the first four measures, the chords G, G, D, and G are indicated. The music features a simple melody with some dotted rhythms and rests.

F D G D G G D

like un - to a bub - ble, Where in poor men tor -
there - fore want - eth and no - thing; He needs not care for
spight of lust and pas - sion; Pure vir - gins good ex -
joy is but a bub - ble; A dou - ble heart, and

Detailed description: This is the second system of the musical score. It continues with four staves in the same key and time signature. The lyrics continue from the first system. Above the first seven measures, the chords F, D, G, D, G, G, and D are indicated. The melody continues with similar rhythmic patterns, including dotted notes and rests.

G F D G D

ment - ed are with wo - men and with trou - ble,
 world - ly pelf, so he - have food and i - cloath - ing;
 am - ples give, and worth our im - i - ta - tion.
 a dou - ble tongue, hath fill'd the world with trou - ble:

G G D G D G C G

And eve - ry one that takes a wife, Adds toil and sor - row
 And mar - riage is a fick - le thing, Which some - time doth in
 For be - fore ma - tri - mo - ny a - rose, The mode of wear - ing
 And there - fore to a - void all strife, 'Tis best to lead a

F D G D G

to his life, and makes his bur - den dou - ble.
 love be - gin, and oft - en ends in loath - ing.
 yel - low hose and horns were out of fash - ion.
 sin - gle life, we will have no - thing dou - ble.