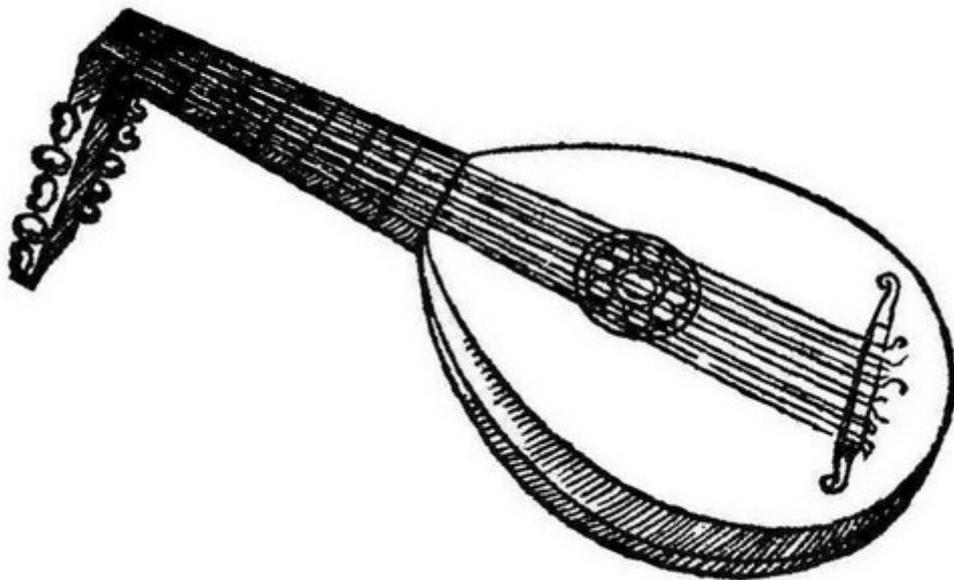


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for the Lute



An Anthology

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Robin

Anonymous

First system of musical notation for 'Robin'. It consists of three staves. The top staff contains a sequence of notes with stems: a, f, h, f, a, b, d, a, a, f, e, f, h, f, a, b, d, a, c, d, a, a. The middle staff contains notes: b, b, b, a, a, a, a, d, b, a. The bottom staff contains notes: a, a, d, d, c, a, a, d, d, #c.

Second system of musical notation for 'Robin', starting at measure 6. It consists of three staves. The top staff contains notes: b, d, b, a, b, d, a, c, e, f, h, f, b, d, b, a, b, d, f, a, a, d, b, d, b, a, d. The middle staff contains notes: a, c, a, c, a, a, a, c, a, a, a, c, a, c, a, c, a, c, a, c. The bottom staff contains notes: a, c, a, d, d, a, c, a, a, c, a, c, a, c, a, c, a, c, a, d.

Third system of musical notation for 'Robin', starting at measure 11. It consists of three staves. The top staff contains notes: a, c, e, f, e, f, h, f, b, d, b, a, b, d, c, e, f, a. The middle staff contains notes: a, c, a, a, a, c, a, a, a, c, a, c, a, c, a, c. The bottom staff contains notes: d, a, c, a, a, c, a, d, a, c, c, a, a. The system ends with a double bar line and a wavy line.

Jolly Robbin

Anonymous

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.

Musical notation for measures 1-8. The notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: 1. a, 2. a, 3. a, 4. a, 5. a, 6. a, 7. a, 8. a. There are also some accidentals and dynamics like 'f' and 'xe'.

9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16.

Musical notation for measures 9-16. The notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: 9. a, 10. a, 11. a, 12. a, 13. a, 14. a, 15. a, 16. a. There are also some accidentals and dynamics like 'f' and 'xe'.

1. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21.

Musical notation for measures 17-21. The notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: 17. a, 18. a, 19. a, 20. a, 21. a. There are also some accidentals and dynamics like 'f' and 'xe'.

22. 23. 24. 25.

Musical notation for measures 22-25. The notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: 22. a, 23. a, 24. a, 25. a. There are also some accidentals and dynamics like 'f' and 'xe'.

26. 27. 28. 29. 30.

Musical notation for measures 26-30. The notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: 26. a, 27. a, 28. a, 29. a, 30. a. There are also some accidentals and dynamics like 'f' and 'xe'.

32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38.

Musical notation for measures 32-38. The notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: 32. a, 33. a, 34. a, 35. a, 36. a, 37. a, 38. a. There are also some accidentals and dynamics like 'f' and 'xe'.

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Robin is to the Greene Wood Gonn

Anonymous

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a c d f	a c d c d a	c a c d c a	d B a d a B	d c d f d c a	a d B a
	c	a			
a			d	a	d

44

B a B d	a d B a B a d B	d c d f d c a	a d B a	B a B d	a B d B a	d B a
a			d	a		d

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B a d B	d c a a d c a	c	a c d a c d c	
	c	a	c	d
a		a		a



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Bony Sweet Boy

Thomas Robinson

The image displays three systems of lute tablature for the piece "Bony Sweet Boy" by Thomas Robinson. Each system consists of a five-line staff with letters (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h) placed on the lines to indicate fret positions. Above the staff, rhythmic notation is used, including vertical stems with flags and beams connecting notes. The first system spans measures 1-7, the second system (starting at measure 8) spans measures 8-14, and the third system (starting at measure 15) spans measures 15-16. The tablature includes various rhythmic values such as minims, crotchets, and quavers, along with rests and repeat signs.

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41 h e f h f e f h a c e f c e f e c e f a c e a c e a c e c a c e a

h e f h f e f h	a c e	f c e f e c e f	a c e	a c	e a c e c a c e	a
	a c e		δ	a c e	c δ	a c e a
a		a		a		

44 c a c a e c e a c e c a c a c d c a c d a c a c d a c δ a c d a c d c δ a c e a c

c a c a	e c e a c e c a	c a c d	a c a	a c d a c	δ a c d	a c d c δ	a c e a c
		c	c	c			
a		a		a		a	

47 e c e f e c a c a e c e a c e a e c a a c a c a c d a δ c a c d a c

e c e f e c a c a	e c e a c e	a e c a	a	a	c a c a c d	a δ	c a c d a c
a	c	a	a	a			a

50 δ a c d c d a c a δ a c a c e a e c a c e e a a c e c e f h f e c a e c a c e a c a c e

δ a c d c d	a c a δ	a c a c e	a e c a c e e	a a c e c e f	h f e c a	e c a c e	a c a c e
a		a		a		a	

53 a e c a δ c a a c a c a c a a a c e c e a c a e c a c e a c c a c a c d a c d c a δ c a

a e c a	δ c a a c a	c a c a	a a c e c e	a c a	e c a c e	a	c c a c a c d a c d c a δ c a
a		a	e c	a a c e c e	e c a c e	a	a

56 a a a a a c e a e c a c

a a	a a	a a	a c	a c	e a e	c a c
a	δ a		c δ			
	c	c				
a	a	a	e c	a c e a	a a c e a	c c a e c

61 h a a c e f a c a c e a a a e δ a c a c a a c d a

h a	a c e	f a c a c e	a a a e	δ a	c a c a	a a c d a
a	a	a a	c c	a a	a a	a a

66 δ a c δ δ a c d a a c e a h f h e f h a c e a c a c e a c e e e

δ a c δ	δ a c d	a a c e a h	f h e f h	a c e a c a c e	a c e	e e
a	a	a a	c c	a c e a c e a c		a c e a c e a c

70

f	f	e	c	a	e	e	a	a	a	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	c	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	c	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	c	a

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a	h	f	e	h	f	e	h	f	e	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a

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a	c	a	c	e	e	e	a	c	a	c
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a

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a	c	a	c	e	e	a	c	a	c	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a

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a	a	c	a	c	e	f	e	c	a	e
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a

88

a	h	e	a	e	h	e	h	e	a	e
a	c	e	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a

93

e	a	e	a	e	a	e	a	e	a	e
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a

98

c	a	c	a	c	a	c	a	c	a	c
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a
a	c	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	a	a

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f	c	e	f	a	c	d	a	a	c	e	a	a	e	e
a	a			a				a				a	a	

106

f	f	e	e	c	c	a	a							
a	e	a		c	a	e	c	a				c	B	c

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a	a	a	a	a	e	d	a	a	f	e	c	a	d	f	h	f	e	c	a
a	c	e	a	a	e		c	e	a	c		a		g	e	c	a	e	c

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c	a	a	e	c	a	d	f	e	c	a	d	f	h	f	e	c	a	c	a	a
a	a						a					a								

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Home again, Market is done

Anonymous

The musical score is written on a five-line staff with a treble clef. It consists of six systems of music, each with a measure number (9, 13, 18, 22, 28) at the beginning. The notation includes various note values (minims, crotchets, quavers), rests, and accidentals. Above the staff, there are several 'P' symbols, likely indicating phrasing or breath marks. Below the staff, there are several 'a' symbols, likely indicating the starting note for a phrase or a specific fingering. The score ends with a double bar line and a wavy line, indicating the end of the piece.

Daphney and Corridor

John Whitfield

11

a c d a c a d c a a d a c d f c a c d a c d f c

a a

c c c c a

11

a c d a c a d c a a c c c c e f h f e a a a

d a

a c B c

22

a c e f e c c c c a a a c a c d a c a a c d c

a c e e e a a a c e a a a a a c a a c a a a a a a

a e e c

32

a a c d c d a c a a c d c a c a a c d a c a c d

a a

c c

38

f c a d c a c d a c d c d a c a c d f c a d c a c d a

e a

a a

44

c a a c d c d a c a c d c a c a c a c a c e a c e

c c

c c

50

c	a	c	e	c	e	f	h	a	f	e	a	a	a	c	e	a	e	a	c	a	c	e	f	e	g	
							g	e	f	f	a	a	c	d	a	c	e							c	e	e
											a	a											a			

a

56

c	c	c	a	c	a	d	a	c	d	c	d	a	c	d	a	a
e	e	e	c	e	c	e	f	e	e	a			e	e		

c

62

c	a	c	d	c	d	c	a	a	a	c	a	a	a	e	a	c
a	c					e	e	a	a	e	a	a	a	e	a	c

a

69

d	a	c	B	d	a	B	d	c	B	a	d	a	c	B	d	a	c	e	a	a	a	a
a	c	e		a	a		a			a	a	c	e		a			e			a	a

a

78

e	a	a	a	e	a	a	c	c	c	c	e	a	a	a	a	a
e	c		a	e		c	c		e	e		a	a	a	a	a

a

88

c	B	c	c	c	c	c	a	c	c	a	a	c	e	a	a	c	a
d	c	e	e	e	e	e	c	e	f	e	e	a	a	e	c	e	a
		e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	a	a	e	e	a	e	a	e

c

97

e	a	a	c	e	g	h	a	d	a	a	a	d	c	a	c	a	f	h	R	f	c	d

a

104

f	δ	c	a	δ	a	δ	a	δ	f	h	R	f	c	δ	f	δ	c	a	c	δ	a	c	c
a				a				a				a			a			c				e	e
																							c

a

110

a	c	δ	a	c	e	g	h	a	c	δ	a	c	δ	c	a	δ	c	a	c	a	a	a	a	c	c
a						a								c						a	a				

ā ā ā ā

115

c	a	c	e	c	e	f	h	f	h	f	e	f	g	f	a	e	a	c	a	a	a	a	a	c	a	c	e
							g				e		f	f													

ā

120

f	c	f	e	c	e	c	c								a											g	
		e		δ			e								a												h
																											a

126

h	f	δ	c	a	δ	c	δ	a	c	δ	a	c	e	g	h	g	h	R	h	R	g	h	a	h	h	
a														a												

ā ā ā

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Poor Tome

Anonymous

The musical score is written in lute tablature on a six-line staff. It begins with a common time signature (C) and a treble clef. The notation consists of letters (a, b, c, e, h, f, d) placed on the lines of the staff to indicate fret positions. The score is divided into three systems of six measures each. The first system ends with a fermata over the final measure. The second system begins with a measure number '7' and includes repeat signs. The third system begins with a measure number '14' and ends with a double bar line and a decorative flourish.

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The Scouldinge Woman

Anonyme

i h a f e a f e f h i l i h a f e a f x h f e f a

i	h	a	f	e	a	f	e	f	h	i	l	i	h	a	f	e	a	f	x	h	f	e	f	a
	a	a	a	a					a	a														

δ B a c δ B δ B a c δ δ B a c δ a δ a c a δ c δ a δ a a a c c c a

δ	B	a	c	δ	B	δ	B	a	c	δ	δ	B	a	c	δ	a	δ	a	c	a	δ	c	δ	a	δ	a	a	a	c	c	c	a		

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I can not keepe my wyfe at howme

Anonymous

The image shows a musical score for a lute piece. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has five measures, and the second system has three measures. The notation includes a treble clef, a common time signature (C), and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are written on a five-line staff. Above the staff, there are rhythmic flags and some letters (a, B, c) indicating fingerings or specific notes. Below the staff, there are letters (a, B, c) and some numbers (7, x) indicating fingerings or specific notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and a decorative flourish.

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Draue neare me and loue me

Anonyme

The first system of musical notation consists of six measures. Above the staff, rhythmic flags are placed above the notes. The notes are: a a a a, a a a c e, f a f d a, c d c, f c f c, a c a c. The staff has two lines, with a treble clef on the top line and a bass clef on the bottom line. The notes are written on the lines and spaces of both clefs.

The second system of musical notation consists of six measures. Above the staff, rhythmic flags are placed above the notes. The notes are: d c a d, a d c, c a c d a c, a d a d, d a c a c a, d d. The staff has two lines, with a treble clef on the top line and a bass clef on the bottom line. The notes are written on the lines and spaces of both clefs. The system ends with a double bar line and a decorative flourish.

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A Joy

Anonymous

The first system of musical notation consists of six measures. Above the staff, there are rhythmic flags and stems. The notes are: c, a, a, d, c, a, d, a, c, f, c, a, c, f, c, a, c, a, a, d, c, a, d, a. The bottom staff shows a constant bass line of 'a'.

7

The second system of musical notation consists of five measures. Above the staff, there are rhythmic flags and stems. The notes are: d, d, d, c, d, d, d, c, a, d, a, c, a, d, c, a, d, a, c, f, c, d, a. The bottom staff shows a constant bass line of 'a'.

12

The third system of musical notation consists of five measures. Above the staff, there are rhythmic flags and stems. The notes are: c, f, c, d, a, c, d, a, c, a, d, c, a, d, a, d, a, c, d, a, c, d, a, d, d, c. The bottom staff shows a constant bass line of 'a'. The system ends with a double bar line and a decorative flourish.

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A Joy (The Friar and The Nun)

Anonymous

The image shows a musical score for a lute piece. It consists of two systems of three staves each. The first system has four measures, and the second system has four measures. The notation includes various rhythmic values (minims, crotchets, quavers) and accidentals (sharps, naturals, flats). Above the staves, there are lute tablature symbols: vertical lines with flags and dots, representing fret positions. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system ends with a double bar line and a decorative flourish.

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The Maids in Constrite

Anonymous

1
a c a e a c e f e c a c e a c a a c e c e c f c a
c d c a c d B c a c c c
a a c a a c a c a c a

9
a c a c c a a e a c e f f e c e c a c e a a e c
c c d c c a c c B a a d
a c c a e a a c a c

14
a a e a a a c e a c f c e a a a
c c c d c d a c a c d a c
a c a c a a a

18
a a c e a e a e a c a c e f a c d a c e f e f e c a c
d f c d a c f
a a a c

21
e c a e a c e c a a c e a
a c d a c e a c d a c e a
a c a c

23
a a c e a c e c f e c e a c e a a c d a c d a c a
c a c c
a a a

39

Handwritten musical notation for measures 39-44. The notation is arranged in three staves. The top staff contains a melodic line with notes and rests. The middle and bottom staves contain a bass line with notes and rests. The notes are labeled with letters a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h.

45

Handwritten musical notation for measures 45-50. The notation is arranged in three staves. The top staff contains a melodic line with notes and rests. The middle and bottom staves contain a bass line with notes and rests. The notes are labeled with letters a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h.

51

Handwritten musical notation for measures 51-56. The notation is arranged in three staves. The top staff contains a melodic line with notes and rests. The middle and bottom staves contain a bass line with notes and rests. The notes are labeled with letters a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h. The notation ends with a double bar line and a wavy line.

green sleeves

Anonymous

Musical notation system 1, measures 1-5. Includes a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a five-line staff with notes and rests. The bass line is on a four-line staff with notes and rests. Above the staff, rhythmic flags are present. Measure 5 ends with a double bar line and a slash.

Musical notation system 2, measures 6-10. Measure 6 is marked with a '7'. The notation continues with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. Measure 10 ends with a double bar line and a slash.

Musical notation system 3, measures 11-15. Measure 11 is marked with a '13'. The notation continues with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. Measure 15 ends with a double bar line, a fermata over the final note, and a wavy line indicating the end of the piece.

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Greensleeves

Francis Cutting

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Sellers Round

Anonymous

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46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57

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[Sollenger's Round]

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