

My mind to me a kingdom is

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Superius [Soprano] Medius [Alto] Contratenor [Alto] Tenor [Tenor] Bassus [Bass]

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 5. I laugh not at another's loss, an other's loss,
 6. My wealth is health and perfect ease, and perfect ease,

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A T T Bar B.

king - dom is, such per - fect joy there - in I
 - o - ther's loss, nor grudge not at an - o - ther's
 per - fect ease, and con - science clear my chief de -

such per - fect, such per - fect joy there - in I find, there - in I
 nor grudge not, nor grudge not at an - o - ther's gain, an - o - ther's
 and con science, and con science clear my chief de - fence, my chief de -

is, such per - fect joy there - in I
 loss, nor grudge not at an - o - ther's
 ease, and con - science clear my chief de -

me a king - dom is, such per - fect joy there - in I find:
 at an - o - ther's loss, nor grudge not at an - o - ther's gain:
 health and per - fect ease, and con science clear my chief de - fence,

king - dom is, such per - fect joy there - in I
 - o - ther's loss, nor grudge not at an - o - ther's
 per - fect ease, and con science clear my chief de -

A
 find, That it ex - cels all o - ther bliss,
 gain: no world - ly waves my mind can toss,
 - fence, I ne - ver seek by bribes to please,

T
 find, there - in I find: That it ex - cels all o - ther
 gain, an - o - ther's gain: no world - ly waves my mind can
 - fence, my chief de - fence, I ne - ver seek by bribes to

T
 find: That it ex - cels all o - ther bliss, all o - ther
 gain: no world - ly waves my mind can toss, my mind can
 - fence, I ne - ver seek by bribes to please, by bribes to

Bar
 That it ex - cels all o - ther bliss, all o - ther bliss, which God or
 no world - ly waves my mind can toss, my mind can toss, I brook that
 I ne - ver seek by bribes to please, by bribes to please, nor by de -

B.
 find: that it ex - cels all o - ther bliss, which
 gain: no world - ly waves my mind can toss, I
 - fence, I ne - ver seek by bribes to please, nor

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 A
 which God or Na - ture hath as - signed.
 I brook that is an - o - ther's bane:
 nor by de - sert to give of - fence:

T
 bliss, which God or Na - ture hath as signed: Though much I
 toss, I brook that is an - o - ther's bane: I fear no
 please, nor by de - sert to give of - fence: thus do I

T
 bliss, which God or Na - ture hath as - signed, hath as - signed:
 toss, I brook that is an - o - ther's bane, o - ther's bane:
 please, nor by de - sert to give of - fence, give of - fence:

Bar
 Na - ture hath as - signed, hath as - signed, hath as - signed:
 is an - o - ther's bane, o - ther's bane, o - ther's bane:
 - sert to give of - fence, give of - fence, give of - fence:

B.
 God or Na - ture hath as - signed; Though
 brook that is an - o - ther's bane: I
 by de - sert to give of - fence: thus

A

Though much I want, that most would have,
I fear no foe, nor fawn on friend,
thus do I live, thus will I die,

T

want, that most would have, would have, yet still my mind for -
foe nor fawn on friend, on friend, I loath not life nor -
live, thus will I die, I die, would all did so

T

Though much I want that most would have, would have, yet still my
I fear no foe nor fawn on friend, on friend, I loath not
thus do I live, thus will I die, I die, would all

Bar

Though much I want, though much I want that most would have,
I fear no foe nor fawn on friend, nor fawn on friend,
thus do I live, thus do I live, thus will I die,

B.

much I want, that most would have, yet
fear no foe nor fawn on friend, I
do I live, thus will I die, would

A

yet still my mind, for - bids to crave.
I loath not life, nor dread mine end.
would all did so as well as I.

T

-bids to crave, for - bids to crave, to crave.
dread mine end, nor dread mine end, mine end.
well as I, so well as I, as I.

T

mind, yet still my mind for - bids to crave, for - bids to
life, I loath not life nor dread mine end, nor dread mine
did, would all did so as well as I, as well as

Bar

yet still my mind for - bids to crave, to crave. Though much I
I loath not life nor dread mine end, mine end. I fear no
would all did so as well as I, as I. Thus do I

B.

still my mind, for - bids to crave, to crave. Though
loath not life nor dread mine end, mine end. I
all did so as well as I, as I. Thus

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A

Though much I want that most would
I fear no foe nor fawn on
Thus do I live, thus will I

T

Though much I want, though much I want, that most would_ have, would____
I fear no foe, I fear no foe, nor fawn on_ friend, on____
Thus do I live, thus do I live, thus will I_ die, I_____

T

crave. Though much I want that_ most would have, would have,
end. I fear no foe nor_ fawn on friend, on friend,
I. Thus do I live, thus_ will I die, I die,

Bar

want, that most would have, that most would have, though much I want that_
foe nor fawn on friend, nor fawn on friend, I fear no foe nor_
live, thus will I die, thus will I die, thus do I live, thus_

B.

much I want that most would have, that most would
fear no foe nor fawn on friend, nor fawn on
do I live, thus will I die, thus will I

A

have, yet still my mind for - bids to
friend, I loath not life nor dread mine
die, would all did so as well as

T

have, yet still my mind for - bids to_ crave, to crave,
friend, I loath not life nor dread mine_ end, mine end,
die, would all did so as well as_ I, as I,

T

yet still my mind for - bids to_ crave, for - bids to
I loath not life nor dread mine_ end, nor dread mine
would all did so as well as_ I, as well as

Bar

most would have, yet still my mind, for - bids to crave, to_
fawn on friend, I loath not life nor dread mine end, mine_
will I die, would all did so as well as I, as_

B.

have, yet still my mind for - bids to crave, to
friend, I loath not life nor dread mine end, mine
die, would all did so as well as I, as

A

crave, yet still my mind for - bids to crave, to crave.
end, I loath not life nor dread mine end, mine end.
I, would all did so as well as I, as I.

T

yet still my mind for - bids to crave.
I loath not life nor dread mine end.
would all did so as well as I.

T

crave, yet still my mind for - bids to _____ crave.
end, I loath not life nor dread mine _____ end.
I, would all did so as well as _____ I.

Bar

crave, to crave, for - bids to crave.
end, mine end, nor - dread mine end.
I, as I, as well as I.

B.

crave, yet still my mind for - bids to crave.
end, I loath not life nor dread mine end.
I, would all did so as well as I.

Editorial notes

Bracketed accidentals, and all other directions within square brackets, are editorial.

Original punctuation has generally been retained as possibly indicative of required phrasing.

The spelling of underlaid text has been modernised. The version printed after the music is (1) as underlaid in the Superius partbook, (2-6) as printed after the music in all the books.

The underlay of vv. 5-6 is editorial, the first verse only being underlaid in the original edition.