

MERCILESS BEAUTY.

Three Rondels.

VIOLIN II.

Poems by
CHAUCER.

I

Music by
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Andante con moto.

VOICE. *3*
Your ey-ën two will slay me sud - denly: I may the beauty of them

VIOLIN. *3*
p

not sus-tene, So woundeth it through - out my her-të kene. And but your

ten. ten.

word will helen has-ti-ly My her-tës woundë, while that it is green. Your ey-ën two will slay me

pp

sud - denly; I may the beau-ty of them not sus - tene. — (*rubato*) Up-on my troth I say you

2

faith-ful-ly, That ye be of my life — and death the queen, For with my death the

tru-thë shall be seen. — Your ey-ën two will slay me sud - denly: I

pp

may the beauty of them not sus-tene, So woundeth it through - out my her-të kene. — *3*

ten.

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II

Lento moderato.

senza misura

{ So hath your beauty from your }
 { hertè chased Pity, that me ne a- } -vaileth not to plain: For Daunger halt your mercy in his chain.

(CELLO SOLO.)

p

a tempo

Guiltless my death thus have ye me pur - chased; I say you sooth, me needeth not to feign:

pp

(freely)

a tempo

So hath your beauty from your hertè chased Pi-ty, that me ne a-vail-eth not to plain. A - las!

colla voce

f *p* *f*

— that na-ture hath in you com-passed — So great beau - ty that no man may at - tain To

p

largamente a tempo

(freely)

mer - cy, tho' he stervè for the pain! — So hath your beauty from your hertè chased Pi-ty, that

colla voce *colla voce*

f *p*

a tempo

me ne a-vail-eth not to plain; For Daunger halt your mer-cy in his chain. —

p *pp*

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III

Allegro.

Since I from Love es - - ca - pèd am so

p leggiero

fat, — I nev - er think to ben in his pri - son lean; Since I am

pizz. *arco*

free I count him not, — I count him not, I count him not — a bean.

f

He may an - swer, and say - è this or

pizz.

p

that I do no force, I speak right — as I mean: Since I from

arco *pp*

pp

Love es - - ca - pèd am so fat, — I nev - er think to ben in his

pizz.

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pri-son lean. Love hath my name y - strike out of his scelat, And he is

arco

Largamente. *ad lib.* *p*

strike out of my bookes clean For ev - er - more; there is none o - ther mean.

colla voce *f* *p*

a tempo

Since I from Love es - ca-ped am so fat, - I nev-er think to ben in his

pp

pri-son lean; Since I am free I count him not, I count him not, I

cresc. *f* *p*

count him not - a bean. -

f *poco rall.* *p*