

# 17. If love's a sweet passion

Henry Purcell

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The musical score consists of eight staves. From top to bottom, the voices are: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, and Cello. The Archlute part is located at the bottom, below the bass staff. The music is in common time (indicated by '3') and has a key signature of one flat. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are silent, represented by a series of vertical dashes. The instrumental parts begin with measures 5. Violin 1 plays a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. Violin 2 provides harmonic support with eighth-note chords. The Viola and Cello play sustained notes. The Archlute part features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, with letters (a, b, c, d) above the notes indicating specific fingerings or techniques.

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Cello

Archlute

10

10

Treble staff: Rests throughout measure 10.

Bass staff: Rests throughout measure 10.

Alto staff: Rests throughout measure 10.

Vocal staff: Rests throughout measure 10.

Measure 11:

- Treble staff: Starts with a vocal entry consisting of a short dash followed by a slur containing two notes. This pattern repeats three times.
- Bass staff: Starts with a vocal entry consisting of a short dash followed by a slur containing two notes. This pattern repeats three times.
- Alto staff: Starts with a vocal entry consisting of a short dash followed by a slur containing two notes. This pattern repeats three times.
- Vocal staff: Starts with a vocal entry consisting of a short dash followed by a slur containing two notes. This pattern repeats three times.

Below the vocal staff, the lyrics are written as follows:

a a	r	r r	r r	r r	r r	r r	r r	r r
b a	e e r	b a a g	b d r	b a b	b b a	b a d	b a d	b d a
d a	a a	r a d r	a a	r d r a	a a	r a d	r d	f b

At the bottom of the page, there is a double bar line with repeat dots on both sides, indicating a repeat of the section.

15 [ ] 20 [ ]

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a b a a a  
a b a a a  
a d e  
a b  
r  
a 1 r 3 d a a  
a a a

[25]

If love's a sweet pas- sion, why does it tor- ment? If a bit- ter, oh

The musical score consists of six staves. The top staff is Treble clef, followed by two blank staves (likely Alto and Bass). The fourth staff is Treble clef, the fifth is Bass clef, and the bottom staff is Bass clef. The bassoon part is located below the bass staff.

**Treble Clef Staff:**

**Bass Clef Staff:**

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**Bass Clef Staff:**

**Bassoon Staff:**

30 35

tell me whence comes my con-tent? Since I suf- fer with plea- sure, why should I com-plain, Or

[40]







[65]

cov- er her love. When in striv- ing to hide, she re- veals all her  
 cov- er her love. When in striv- ing to hide, she re- veals all her  
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