

## The white delightful Swanne

## *Il bianco e dolce cigno*

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### The white delightful Swanne (cantus)

ing, feele both sense & life re - lent - ing,

ing, feele both sense & life re - lent - ing, strange -

ing, feele both sense & life re - lent - ing,

feele both sense & life re - lent - - - - ing,

15 ing, feele both sense & life re - lent - ing, strange -

that he should dye dis -

& un - like pro - ceed - - - - ing, that he should dye dis -

strange - & un - like pro - ceed - - - - ing, that he should dye dis -

strange - & un - like pro - ceed - - - - ing,

& un - like pro - ceed - - - - ing, that he should dye dis -

20 stres - sed, & I, I dye most bles - sed, I dye most

stres - sed, & I, I dye most bles - sed, I dye most

stres - sed, & I, I dye most bles - sed, I dye most

& I, I dye most bles - sed, I dye most

stres - sed, & I, I dye most bles - sed, I dye most

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bles - sed, I dye most bles - sed,  
 bles - sed, I dye most bles - sed.

bles - sed, I dye most bles - sed. Death which in \_\_\_\_\_ all thy wrong -

bles - sed, I dye most bles - sed. Death which in all

bles - sed, I dye most bles - sed. Death which in all thy wrong -

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filst mee with glad - nesse, filst mee with glad - nesse, and with sweet love

filst mee with glad - nesse, filst mee with glad - nesse, and with sweet love

- - ing, filst mee with glad - nesse,

thy wrong - ing, filst mee with glad - nesse, & with sweet love

- - ing, filst mee with glad - nesse,

long - ing, filst mee with glad - nesse, with glad - nesse, & with sweet love long-ing,

long - ing, filst mee with glad - nesse,

filst mee with glad - nesse, with glad-nesse & with sweet love long-ing,

long - ing, filst mee with glad-nesse, and with sweet love long - ing, if

filst mee with glad - nesse, and with sweet love long-ing,

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if in thy pangs I feele,  
 if in thy pangs no great - er griefe doe seize me,  
 if in thy pangs no great - er griefe doe seize me, a thou - sand deaths a  
 in thy pangs no great - er griefe doe seize me, a thou - sand deaths a  
 if in thy pangs no great - er griefe doe seize me, a thou - sand deaths a

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day, a thou-sand deaths a day, a thou-sand deaths a day should not dis - please  
 a thou-sand deaths a day, a thou-sand deaths a day should not dis-please  
 day, a thou-sand deaths a day,  
 thou-sand deaths a day, should not dis - - please  
 day, a

mee, should not  
 mee, a thou - sand deaths a day should not,  
 a thou - sand deaths a day should not, a thou - sand deaths a day, a  
 mee, a thou - sand deaths a day, a thou - sand deaths a day, a thou - sand deaths a  
 thou - sand deaths a day, a thou - sand deaths a day, a thou - sand

The musical score consists of five staves of music for voices. The key signature is one flat. The time signature is 6/2, indicated by a '6' over a '2'. The vocal parts are: Cantus (soprano), Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Basso continuo. The lyrics are written below each staff. Measure 45 starts with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note. The lyrics are:

dis - - - please mee, dis - please me.  
a thou - sand deaths a day should not dis - please mee,  
thou - sand deaths a day, should not dis - please mee.  
day, a thou - sand deaths a day, should not dis - please mee.  
deaths a day should not dis - - - please mee.