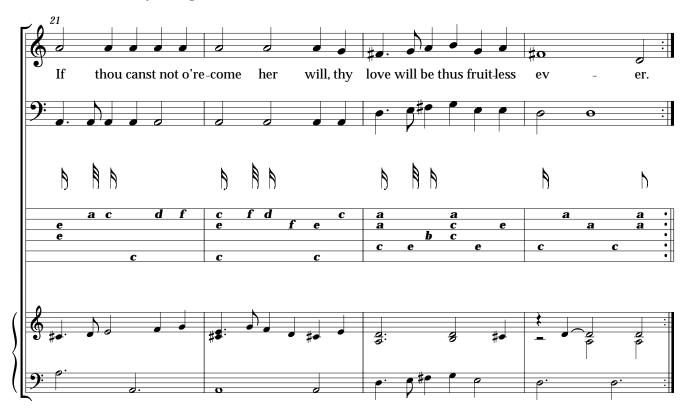
John Dowland, Can she excuse my wrongs with virtues cloak (*The First Booke of Songes or Ayres*, 1597, no. 5)



Can she excuse my wrongs with virtues cloak, 2



Can she excuse my wrongs with virtues cloak, 3



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