

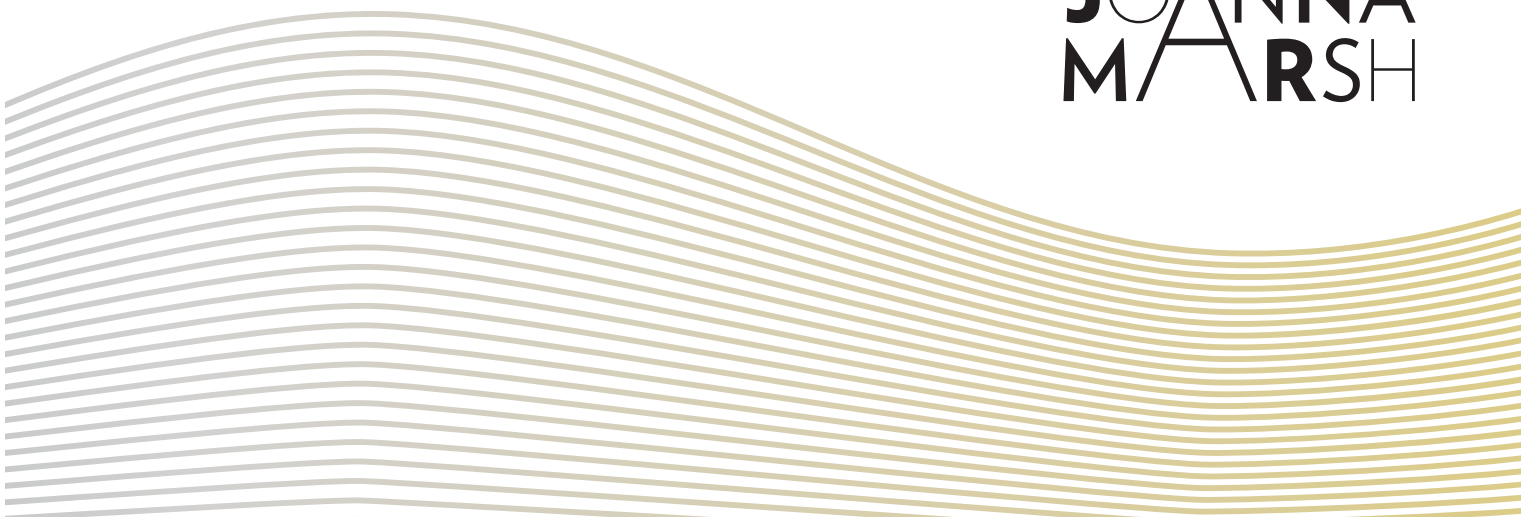
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Duration c.5'

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Batter My Heart

John Donne

Batter my heart, three-person'd God, for you
As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend;
That I may rise and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend
Your force to break, blow, burn, and make me new.
I, like an usurp'd town to another due,
Labor to admit you, but oh, to no end;
Reason, your viceroy in me, me should defend,
But is captiv'd, and proves weak or untrue.
Yet dearly I love you, and would be lov'd fain,
But am betroth'd unto your enemy;
Divorce me, untie or break that knot again,
Take me to you, imprison me, for I,
Except you enthrall me, never shall be free,
Nor ever chaste, except you ravish me.

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SOPRANO 1

SOPRANO 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BASS 1

BASS 2

mf *p*

Bat - ter,

mf Bat - ter, my heart,

mf Bat - ter my heart,

mf bat - ter my heart,

7

mf

three - per - son'd

mf

three - per - son'd

f

bat-ter my heart, my heart, three - per - son'd

f

heart, my heart, bat-ter my heart, three - per - son'd

13

fp *fp* *fp* *mp*

Three, — three, — three — per - son'd God, three — per - son'd God,

fp *fp* *fp* *mp*

Three, — three, — three — per - son'd God, three — per - son'd God,

f *mf* *f*

God, — three — per — son'd God, — three — per — son'd God, —

f *mf* *f*

God, — three — per — son'd God, — three — per — son'd God, —

God,

God,

f *f*

bat-ter my heart, bat-ter my heart,

mf *f* *mp*

three — per — son'd God, three — per — son'd God,

f *mp*

God, —

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f

three — per — son'd God, for —

mf

three — per — son'd God, for

mf

for

ff *ff*

bat-ter my heart, — bat-ter my heart, bat-ter my heart, — my heart —

ff

bat-ter my heart, — bat-ter my heart, bat-ter my heart, — my heart —

f *f*

three — per — son'd God, bat-ter my heart, — bat-ter my heart, — for —

f

bat-ter my heart, — bat-ter my heart, for —

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you _____ shine,

you As yet but knock, breathe, shine, *mf* and seek to mend; *pp* That _____

and seek to mend; *mf* *pp* That _____

you As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend; *mf* That I _____ may rise, -

f you As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend, and seek to mend; - *mf*

f you As yet, but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend; *mf*

you As yet, but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend, and seek to mend; - *mf*

you As yet, but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend; That I _____ may rise, - *mf*

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p I may rise _____ and _____

p I may rise, _____ may rise and _____

p I may rise, _____ that I _____ may rise _____ and stand, and

_____ that I _____ may rise _____ and _____ stand, _____ that I _____ may rise _____ and stand, may rise _____ and stand,

p I may rise _____ and, _____

p may rise _____ and

_____ that I _____ may rise _____ and _____ stand, _____ that I _____ may

34

f

stand, o'er - - - - throw,

f

stand, o'er - - - - throw

f

stand, may rise - stand, o'er - throw me, and bend, - o'er - throw me, throw me,

f

and stand, o'er - throw me, and bend, - o'er - throw me, throw me,

f

may rise and stand, and o'er, and o'er - - - - throw

f

stand, stand, o'er - - - - throw

f

o'er - throw me, and bend, - o'er - throw, o'er - throw me,

f

o'er - - - - throw,

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mf *f*

o'er - - - - throw me,

mp *f*

and bend, and bend, - o'er - throw me,

mp *f*

me, bend, o'er - throw me,

mp *f*

and bend, and bend, - o'er - throw me,

mp *f*

and bend, and bend, - o'er - throw me,

mp *f* *legato*

me, bend, o'er - - - - throw, o'er - throw me, o'er - throw me,

mp *f*

and bend, and bend, o'er - - - - throw me,

mp *f*

me, bend, o'er - - - - throw me,

43 *mp* *mf* *marcato*

bend Your force to break, burn,

mp *mf* *marcato*

bend Your force to break, blow, burn,

mp *mf* *marcato*

bend Your force to break, blow, burn,

mp *mf* *marcato*

bend Your force to break, blow, burn,

mp *mf*

bend Your force to break, — bend your force to break, bend your force,

mp *mf*

bend Your force to break, — bend your force to break, bend your force,

mp *mf* *marcato*

bend Your force to break, blow, burn,

mp *mf* *marcato*

bend Your force to break, blow, burn,

46 *f legato* *p*

blow, and make me new.

f legato *p* *mp*

break, blow, and make me new. To an -

f legato *mp*

break, blow, burn, and make me new. I, like an u - surp'd town

f legato *mp*

break, blow, burn, and make me new. I, like an u - surp'd town to an -

f legato *mp*

to blow, burn, and make me new. I, like an u - surp'd town to an -

f legato *mp*

to blow, burn, and make me new. I, like an u - surp'd town to an -

mf *mp*

break, blow, burn, I, like an u - surp'd town to an -

mf *mp*

break, blow, burn, I, like an u - surp'd town to an -

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p Rea - son, your vice - roy in me, me should de - fend, *mf*

- son, your vice - roy in me, me should de - fend, *mf*

- son, your vice - roy in me, me should de - fend, de - *mf*

- son, vice - roy in me, me should de - fend, de - *mf*

your vice - roy in me, de - fend, *p*

- son, your vice - roy in me, me *mf*

Rea - son, your vice - roy in me, me should de - fend, *p* *mf*

me should de - fend,

69

p de - fend, *pp* rea - son, de - *p* *mf*

p de - fend, *pp* de - *p*

- fend, *p* de - fend, *p legato* rea - son in me, *mp* rea - son in me, de - *mp*

- fend, *p* de - fend, *p legato* rea - son in me, *mp* rea - son in me, de - *mp*

de - fend, *p* me, de - *mp*

pp legato rea - son, in me should de - fend, *p* rea - son, *mp*

pp legato rea - son, in me should de - fend, *p legato* rea - son in me, de - *mp*

'fend, *pp* de - fend, *mp* me, de -

74 *f* *mf*

- fend, is cap - - - - - tiv'd, -

- fend, But is cap - - - - - tiv'd, -

mf *mp*

- fend, But is cap - tiv', is cap - - - - - tiv'd, -

mf *mp*

- fend, But is cap - tiv', is cap - - - - - tiv'd,

mf *mp*

8 - fend, But cap - - - - - tiv', cap - tiv'd, cap - tiv'd,

mf *mp*

8 But cap - - - - - tiv', cap - tiv'd, cap - tiv'd,

mf

- fend, cap - tiv'd,

mf

- fend, cap - tiv'd,

78 *mp* *slightly separated* *p*

and proves weak, weak or un (n)

mp *slightly separated* *p*

and proves weak, weak or un (n)

slightly separated *p*

and proves weak, weak or un -

and proves, - and proves weak or un -

slightly separated *p*

8 and proves, - and proves weak, proves weak -

mp *p*

and proves, - and proves weak, weak or un -

mp *p*

and proves, - and proves or un -

p

and proves, - and proves or un -

* No 'd' to avoid clunkiness.

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p
 Yet dear - ly
pp velvety
 Yet dear - ly I love you, dear - ly
pp velvety
 - true. Yet dear - ly I love you, dear - ly
pp velvety
 - true. Yet dear - ly I love you, yet dear - ly
pp velvety
 Yet dear - ly I love you, dear - ly
pp velvety
 - true. Yet dear - ly I love you, dear - ly
pp velvety
 - true. Yet dear - ly I love you, yet dear - ly
pp velvety
 - true. Yet dear - ly I love you, dear - ly

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mp
 love you, and would be lov'd
mf
 I love you, and would be lov'd
mf
 I love you, and would be lov'd
mf
 I love you, and would be lov'd
mf
 I love you, and would be lov'd
mf
 I love you, and would be lov'd
mf
 I love you, and would be lov'd
mp
 I love you, be lov'd

96 *p* *pp*

fain, and would be lov'd,

fain, and would be lov'd, be

fain, would be lov'd,

mp But am be-troth'd, *p* but am be-troth'd,

p fain, *pp* But am be-troth'd

p fain, *pp* and would be lov'd, be *mp*

fain, un - to your e - ne - my, but

fain, and be lov'd, be

100 *mp* *f* *mf*

lov'd, lov'd, would be lov'd

mp *f* *mf*

lov'd, un - to your e - ne - my, lov'd, would be lov'd

mp *f*

lov'd, be lov'd, but am be-troth'd,

mp *f* *mf*

lov'd, be lov'd, be lov'd,

mp *f* *mf*

un - to your e - ne - my, lov'd, but am be-troth'd, but am be -

mp *f* *mf*

lov'd, be lov'd, would be lov'd

f *mf*

am be - troth'd, be lov'd, would be

mp *f*

lov'd, be lov'd,

105

p fain, _____

p fain, _____

mf but am be - troth'd _____ to your e - ne - my; _____ *f* *p*

but am be - troth'd _____ to your e - ne - my; _____ *f* *p*

- troth'd _____ to your e - ne - my; _____ me, _____ di - vorce _____

to your e - ne - my; _____ Di - vorce _____ me, di - vorce me _____

to your e - ne - my; _____ me, _____ di - vorce me _____

to your e - ne - my; _____ Di - vorce _____ me, di - vorce

111

f break that knot, break that knot a - gain,

f break that knot, break that knot a - gain,

f break that knot, break that knot a - gain,

f break that knot, break that knot a - gain,

me, un - tie _____ or break that knot a - gain, break that knot, break that knot a - gain,

un - tie _____ or break that knot a - gain, break that knot, break that knot a - gain,

un - tie _____ or break that knot a - gain, break that knot, break that knot a - gain,

me, un - tie _____ or break that knot a - gain, break that knot, break that knot a - gain,

116

p warmly

Take me to you, take me

p warmly

Take me to you, take me

p warmly

Take me to you, to you, take me, take me to you, take, take me,

p warmly

Take me to you, take me

p warmly

Take me to you, to you, take me, take me to you, take, take me,

(ossia) *p warmly*

Take to you, take me

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p *f legato*

im - pri-son me, im - pri-son me,

mp *f legato*

im - pri-son me, im - pri - son,

f

to you, im - pri-son me, im - pri - son

f legato

to you, im - pri - son

mp *f*

take me to you, im - pri-son me, im - pri-son me, im - pri-son me,

f legato

to you, pri - son

(go through) *mp*

take me to you, im - pri-son me, im - pri-son me,

f

to you, im - pri - son me,