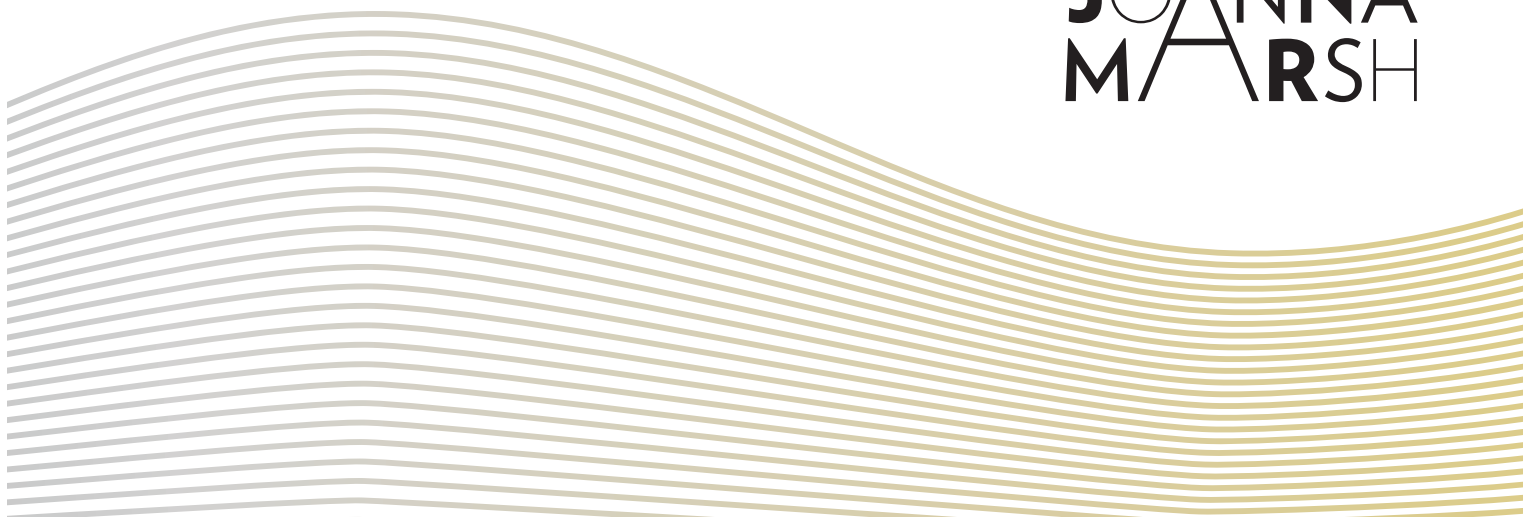


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Batter My Heart

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 *mf* *p*
Bat - ter,

TENOR 1 *mf*
Bat - ter, bat - ter my heart,

TENOR 2 *mf*
Bat - ter my heart, bat - ter my

BASS 1

BASS 2

7

three - per - son'd

three - per - son'd

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

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, bat-ter my heart,

God, bat-ter my heart,

mf *f* *mp*

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

f *mp*

God, —

19

three — per — son'd God,

three — per — son'd God,

for

mf

for

mf

for

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

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

f

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

24

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, -

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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,

38

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 -

ther due, La - bor to ad - mit you
mf

ther due, La - - bor to ad - mit you
mf mp legato

ther due, an - o - ther due, La - - bor to ad - mit you
mf p

ther due, La - bor to ad - mit you
mf p

ther due, La - bor to ad - mit you

ad - mit you, —

ad - mit, — ad - mit you — but oh,
pp

'mit you, — but oh, to no end,
pp

ad - mit you, —

ad - mit, — ad - mit you — but oh,

'mit you, — but oh, to no end;

ad - mit you, — but oh, — to no end; Rea -

bor —

ad - mit, ad - mit you, oh, to no end;

— ad - mit, you — but oh, to no end;

63

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, *mf*

me should de - fend, *p*

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

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

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

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*

pp 'fend, de - fend, 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)

mp *slightly separated* *p*

and proves weak, weak or un -

and proves, - and proves weak - or un -

slightly separated *p*

and proves weak, proves weak -

slightly separated *p*

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

mp *p*

and proves, proves or un -

mp *p*

and proves, proves or un -

* No 'd' to avoid clunkiness.

82

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

89

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,

fain, But am be-troth'd

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

fain, un - to your en - e - 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* *mf*

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

mp *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 _____ *f* to your e - ne - my; _____ *p*

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

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

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

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

to your e - ne - my; _____ *f* 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, take me, take me to you, take, take me,

(ossia) *p warmly*

Take to you, take me

119

p *f legato*

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

mp *f legato*

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

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,

122

ff

for I,

ff

for I, Ex - cept

ff

me, im-pri-son, I, Ex - cept

ff

me, I, Ex - cept

ff

im-pri-son me, for I, for I, Ex - cept you

ff

me, Ex - cept

ff

for I, 'cept

im-pri-son me,

126

cavernous

en - thrall me, *mp* Nor

cavernous

en - thrall me, *mp* Nor

cavernous

you en - thrall me, *mp* Nor

cavernous

you en - thrall me, Nor

cavernous

en - thrall me, *mf* ne-ver shall be free,

cavernous

you en - thrall me, *mf* ne-ver shall be free, Nor

cavernous

you en - thrall me,

cavernous

you en - thrall me,

131 *mf*

e - ver chaste, nor e - - - ver

mf

e - ver chaste, nor e - ver chaste,

mf

e - ver chaste, nor e - ver chaste, you

mf

e - ver chaste, nor e - - - ver

mp *mf*

ex - cept you ra - vish me, ex - cept you

mp *mf*

e - ver chaste, ex - cept you ra - vish me, ex - cept you

mp *mf*

e - ver chaste, e - ver chaste,

mf

chaste, chaste,

136 *f* *mf* *p*

chaste, you ra - vish me.

f *mf* *f* *mf* *p*

ra - vish me, ex - cept you ra - vish me.

f *mf* *f* *mf* *p*

ra - vish me 'cept, ex - cept you ra - vish me.

f *mf* *f* *mf* *p*

chaste, ra - vish me ex - cept you ra - vish me.

f *mf* *f* *mf* *p*

ra - vish me, ex - cept you ra - vish me.

f *mf* *f* *mf* *p*

ra - vish me, ex - cept you ra - vish me.

mf *f* *mf* *p*

ex - cept, ex - cept ra - vish me.

mf *f* *mf* *p*

ex - cept ra - vish me.

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