

Drop, drop slow tears

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Music: First strain of "Song 46"

Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625

Text: Phineas Fletcher 1582-1650

1. Drop, drop slow tears, and bathe those beau - teous feet,
2. Cease not, wet eyes, His mer - cies to en - treat;
3. In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The treble staff contains a melody with a dotted half note followed by a quarter note, and then a series of eighth notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

1. Which brought from heaven the news and Prince of peace.
2. To cry for ven - geance sin doth ne - ver cease.
3. Nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece with the same treble and bass clef staves. The treble staff features a melody with a dotted half note followed by a quarter note, and then a series of eighth notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.