

# Drop, drop, slow tears

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Drop, drop, slow tears, and  
Cease not, wet eyes, His  
In your deep floods drown

The first system of the musical score is in G minor (one flat) and common time (C). It consists of a vocal line and a lute line. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, a dotted half note Bb4, and a half note G4. The lute line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

bathe those beau - teous feet, which  
mer - - - cies to en - treat; to  
all my faults and fears; nor

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line features a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, Bb4) followed by a half note G4, a dotted half note F#4, and a half note G4. The lute line continues with harmonic support.

brought from heav'n the news and Prince of peace.  
cry for ven - geance sin, doth ne - ver cease.  
let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

The third system concludes the piece. The vocal line ends with a half note G4, a dotted half note F#4, and a final half note G4. The lute line ends with a final chord. The system is marked with a '5' at the beginning, indicating the fifth measure of the piece.