

Welcome, maids of honour

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Andante (non tanto allegro)

The musical score is written for four voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is in 3/4 time and consists of three systems of four staves each. The lyrics are: 'Wel - - - come, wel - - - come, wel - - - come, wel - come maids of hon-our, you doe bring in the spring; and wait up-on her. She has vir-gins ma-ny, vir-gins ma-ny'. The score includes dynamic markings such as *f*, *mf*, *mp*, and *p cresc.*, and articulation marks like accents and slurs. The tempo is marked *Andante (non tanto allegro)*. The piece concludes with a final cadence in 2/4 time.

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18 *mp cresc.* *mf*

fresh and faire; yet you are more sweet,

mp cresc. *mf*

fresh and faire; yet you are more sweet,

mp cresc. *mf*

fresh and faire; yet you are more sweet,

mp cresc. *mf*

fresh and faire; yet you are more sweet,

23 *mp dim.* *mp*

sweet than a - ny. the mai - den, the mai - den po - sies,

mp dim. *p cresc.* *mp*

sweet than a - ny. Y'are the mai - den, the mai - den po - sies,

mp dim. *mp*

sweet than a - ny. the mai - den, the mai - den po - sies,

mp dim. *p cresc.* *mp*

sweet than a - ny. Y'are the mai - den, the mai - den po - sies,

30 *mp cresc.* *f*

and so grac'd to be plac'd 'fore da - mask,

mp cresc. *f*

and so grac'd to be plac'd 'fore da - mask,

mp cresc.

and so grac'd to be plac'd

mp cresc.

and so grac'd to be plac'd

welcome maids 3

35 *mf dim.* *mp* *mp cresc.* *mf* *(poco)*

da - mask ro - - - ses. though thus re - spect - ed, re -

mf dim. *mp* *p cresc.* *mf* *(poco)*

da - mask ro - - - ses. Yet though thus re - spect - ed, re -

mf dim. *mp* *p cresc.* *mf* *(poco)*

da - mask ro - - - ses. Yet though thus re - spect - ed, re -

mf dim. *mp* *p cresc.* *mf* *(poco)*

da - mask ro - - - ses. Yet though thus re - spect - ed, re -

43 *mp cresc.*

spect - ed, by and by ye doe lie, by and by ye doe lie,

mp cresc.

spect - ed, by and by ye doe lie,

mp cresc.

spect - ed, by and by ye doe lie,

mp cresc.

spect - ed, by and by ye doe lie, by and by ye doe lie,

49 *mf* *dim.* *mp* *pp*

poore girls, ne - glect - ed.

mf *dim.* *mp* *pp*

poore girls, ne - glect - ed.

mf dim. *mp* *pp*

poore girls, ne - glect - ed.

mf dim. *mp* *pp*

poore girls, ne - glect - ed.