Come Again, Sweet Love doth Now Invite

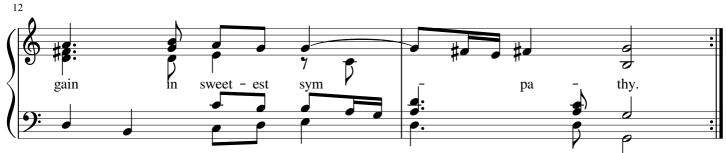
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Come again, that I may cease to mournthrough thy unkind disdainfor now left and forlorn. I sit, I sigh, I weep, I faint, I die, in deadly painand endless misery

All the day the sun that lends me shine by frowns do cause me pine and feeds me with delay; Her smiles, my springs that makes my joys to grow, her frowns the Winters of my woe.

All the night my sleeps are full of dreams, my eyes are full of streams. My heart takes no delight To see the fruits and joys that some do find and mark the storms are me assign'd.

Out alas, my faith is ever true, yet will she never rue nor yield me any grace; Her eyes of fire, her heart of flint is made, whom tears nor truth may once invade.

Gentle love, draw forth thy wounding dart: thou canst not pierce her heart; for I that do approve. By sighs and tearsmore hot than arethy shafts, did tempt while shefor scanty tryumphs laughs.