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WILLIAM BYRD

Consort Songs

Emma Kirkby, Fretwork

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The stature of William Byrd the church musician has somewhat obscured his pioneering work in the more intimate genre of consort song for solo voice with string accompaniment.

Early-music star Emma Kirkby joins forces with Fretwork to present this wide-ranging selection of Byrd songs "*of sundrie nature*".

"Emma Kirkby is one of the finest interpreters of this music around." **Early Music Review**



Artists Composers

- Emma Kirkby
- William Byrd
- Soprano
- Fretwork

Contents

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- "My mind to me a kingdom is" (5'41)
- **Fantasia a 6 (III)**
(from *Psalmes, Songs and Sonnets*, 1611) (4'15)
- "O Lord, how vain" (6'40)
- "Content is rich" (5'50)
- "Constant Penelope" (2'02)
- **Pavan a 6** (2'11)
- **Galliard a 6** (1'34)
- "My mistress had a little dog" (6'30)
- "O that most rare breast" (8'32)
- "The noble famous Queen"
(While Phoebus us'd to dwell) (2'11)
- **Fantasia a 4 (III)**
(In manus tuas from *Gradualia I*) (2'08)
- "Out of the orient crystal skies" (3'10)
- "O Lord, bow down thine heav'nly eyes" (5'23)
- **Fantasia a 6 (II)** (5'21)
- "Truth at the first" (2'45)
- "O you that hear this voice" (6'35)

· **"He that all earthly pleasure scorns"** (3'49)