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SSSAAATTTBBB

Duration c.5'

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You would certainly hear such harmony that it would seem to you either that you had been carried off to Helicon or that Helicon, together with all the chorus of Muses singing and playing, had been transported here

You see that one can do with music whatever one wants; I'll show you that if a person decides against doing things the right way, can simply produce a hodge-podge.

I desire to show the world as much as possible in the profession of music...

Look – two rests are missing. And here – put six where there are four. This Bass is wrong, or you are singing it wrong! Here you have one piece with the Soprano part completely at odds with the words before. Here is another in which the words once belonged to a different piece. And this piece has different words and you see the pieces go better than they did before.

Of course, the fifth and the octave are perfect, the seventh and second imperfect; it is the forcefulness of a composer's style that makes imperfect seem perfect, though if he were to have three or four successive fifths, it would make for an ugly composition.

...the vain error of men that they alone possess the intellectual gifts, and who appear to believe that the same gifts are not possible for women.

This piece changes clefs more often than I can tell you. A pox upon these clefs and these fantastical brains that think them up! You should know that there are some who talk well about music but have bad musical inventiveness and worse practical skill others have good practical skill but no knowledge; others still have little musical sense for all their practical accomplishments.

Our wish is to entertain each other, not to hold school!

You would certainly hear such harmony that it would seem to you either that you had been carried off to Helicon. You would hear...

The octave and fifth are perfect, the seventh and second imperfect; A pox upon these clefs; this piece has different words you see; the discourse of a good musician, talk well of music.

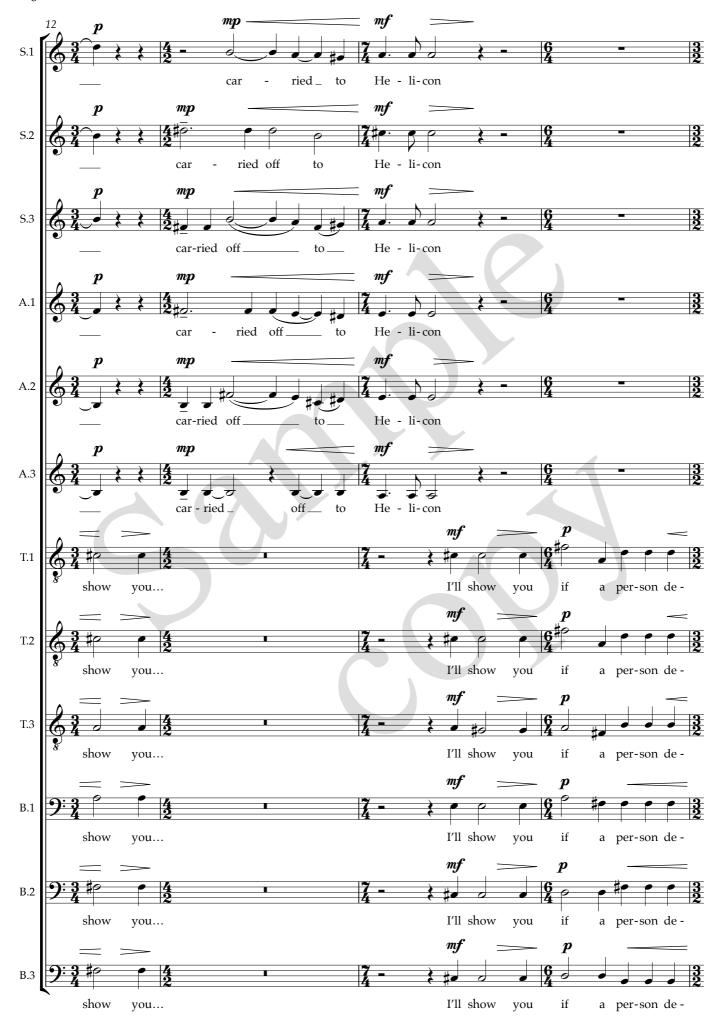
Soprano and alto text taken from Antonfrancesco Doni's letters, and Maddalena Casaluna: from dedication of first book of madrigals Tenor and Bass text taken and adapted from 'Dialogo della Musica' by Antonfrancesco Doni, 1544

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<sup>\*</sup> to be sung if needed.































