What softer sounds are these
salute the ear
From the large circle of the
hemisphere, As if the centre of all sweets met here?
It is the breath and
soul of everything, Put forth by earth, by nature, and the spring, To speak the
The joy of plants, 'Welcome', the 'Welcome' of the King.
The spirit of
The smell and verdure of the bow'rs, flow'rs,
The water's
With the showers Dis - til - ling on the new - fresh bow'rs; mur - mur, Dis - til - ling on the new - fresh bow'rs;

The whis - tling winds and birds, that sing 'Wel - come, wel - come',

The whis - tling winds and birds, that sing

'Wel - come, wel - come' to our roy - al King.

'Wel - come, wel - come, wel - come, [wel - come' to our roy - al King.]

CHORUS

'Wel - come, O wel - come' is the gen - er - al voice, Where -

'Wel - come, [O wel - come' is the gen - er - al voice, Where -

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'Wel - come, [O wel - come' is the gen - er - al voice, Where -
in all creatures practice to rejoice.

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What softer sounds are these

CHORUS

'Welcome, O welcome' is the general voice, Where

in all creatures practice to rejoice.
What softer sounds are these

Wel - come, [O wel - come'] is the gen - er - al voice, Where -
in - all crea - tures prac - tice to re - joice.]
What softer sounds are these

Wel-come, [O wel-come] is the gen-er-al voice, Where-
in all crea-tures prac-tice to re-joice.]
What softer sounds are these

Welcome, [O welcome' is the general voice, Where -

in all creatures practice to rejoice.]
What softer sounds are these

What softer sounds are these salute the ear

From the large circle of the hemisphere, As if the centre of all sweets met here?

The joy of plants,

The smell and verdure of the bow'rs,

With the showers distilling on the new-fresh bow'rs; The whistling winds and birds, that sing 'Welcome, welcome',

'Welcome, welcome' to our royal King.

BEN JONSON

What softer sounds are these

WILLIAM LAWES (1602-45)

(CANTUS 1)
What softer sounds are these

It is the breath and soul of ev'ry thing, Put forth by earth, by nature, and the spring, To speak the 'Welcome', the 'Welcome' of the King.

The spirit of flow'rs, The water's murmur, Dis-tilling on the new-fresh bow'rs;

The whistling winds and birds, that sing 'Welcome,

welcome, welcome, [welcome' to our royal King.]
What softer sounds are these

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