Oh, that joy so soon should waste! (Setting 2)

BEN JONSON

HENRY LAWES (1596-1662)

[CANTUS]

[1] Oh, that joy so soon should waste! Or so sweet a bliss As a kiss.

[BASS]

- as a kiss, Might not for ev er last! So sug ar'd, so melt ing.

- so soft, so de lic ious, The dew that lies on ro ses,

When the morn her self dis closes, Was not so prec i ous.

- o ther; It would be my wish ing That I might* die, kiss ing.

* = Lawes also gives 'may' as an alternative
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