


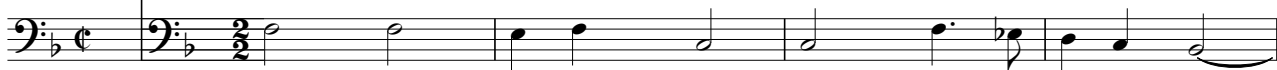
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BEN JONSON

HENRY LAWES (1596-1662)

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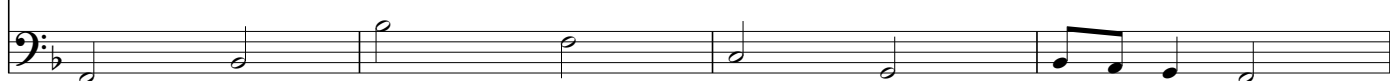
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as a kiss, Might not for ever last! So sug-ar'd, so melt-ing,



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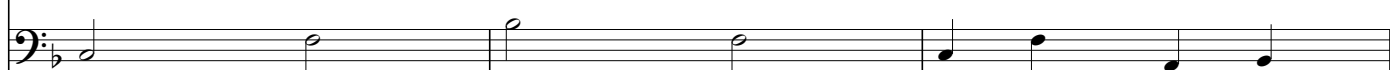
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When the morn her-self dis-clo-ses, Was not so prec-ious.



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Oh, ra-ther than I would it smo-ther, Were I to taste such an-



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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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