

LOVERS BE WAR

(verses 79 and 80 from 'The Testament of Cresseid')

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a sense of foreboding ♩ = 75

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

p (stagger breathing to ensure constant sound)

// 9 Lo - vers, _____ lo - vers, _____

S. *mp* Lo-vers be war, _____ Quhome that ye

A. _____

T. *mp* and tak gude heid a - bout _____

B. _____

// 16 lo - - vers, _____ lo - - vers, _____

S. lufe, _____

A. be war, _____

T. for quhome ye suf-fer pain, _____ pain. _____

B. _____ lo - - - vers, _____

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S. *p* Lo - - vers, _____

A. *mp* be war, _____ thair is richt few thair - out _____

T. *p* be war, _____ *mp* be

B. *mp*

// 30 I lat yow wit, _____

S. *mf* Quhome_ ye may traist, _____ *f* Preif quhen ye

A. *mf* Lo - vers be war, *f* Preif quhen ye

T. *mf* war, _____ to have trew lufe a - gane. *f* Preif quhen ye

B. *mf* Lo - vers be war, *f* Preif quhen ye

// 36

S. will, your la-bour is in vain. Thair-foir, I reid, ye tak thame as ye find,

A. will, your la - bour is in vain, _____ in vain. _____ For

T. will, your la-bour is in vain. Thair-foir, I reid, ye tak thame as ye find,

B. will, your la - bour is in vain, in _____ vain. _____ For

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S.

A.
 they are sad. Be war. *p*

T.

B.
 they are sad as Wid-der-cock in wind. *mp*

// 51

S.
 Be-caus I knaw the greit un - sta-bil - nes Bruk - kill as *p*

A.
 Be-caus I knaw un - sta-bil - nes Bruk - kill as *p*

T.
 Be-caus I knaw the greit un - sta-bil - nes Bruk - kill as glas *p mp*

B.
 Be-caus I knaw un - sta-bil - nes Bruk - kill as *p*

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S.
 glas, I say, *p*

A.
 glas, I say, I say, *p*

T.
 I say, *p*

B.
 glas, in - to my self I say, I say, *mp*

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S. *p* Trais-ting in u - ther, be war,

A. *p* Trais-ting in u - ther, be war,

T. *p* Trais - ting, *mp* als greit un-faith-ful - ness:

B.

// 70

S. *mf* and als un-trew of fay,

A. *mf* Als un - con - stant,

T. *mp* Lo - vers be war,

B. *mf* and als un-trew of fay,

// 75

S. *f* Thocht sum be trew, I wait richt few ar thay, Quha find-is truth lat him

A. *f* Thocht sum be trew, I wait richt few are thay, are

T. *f* Thocht sum be trew, I wait richt few ar thay, Quha find-is truth lat him

B. *f* Thocht sum be trew, I wait richt few ar thay, ar

81

S. his La-dy ruse:_____

A. (stagger breathing) *mp*
thay,_____ Nane__ but my self,_____ be

T. his La-dy ruse:_____

B. // thay,_____ Nane__ but my self as now I will ac - cuse._____

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S. *mp*
Lo-vers be war,_____

A. *p*
war,_____ be war._____

T. 8

B. *mp* *p*
war,_____

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S.

A.

T. *p* *pp*
war,____ war,____ war._____

B. (stagger breathing)
war,____ war._____