



## The silver swan

Text: 16. Jh.

Musik: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625),  
aus *The First Booke of Madrigals and Mottets of 5 Parts* (1612)

Soprano (S): The sil - ver swan,  
Alto 1 (A1): The sil - ver swan, wh - ening had no note,  
Alto 2 (T): The sil - ver swan liv - ing had no  
Tenor (T): The sil - ver swan, who sing had no  
Bass (B): The sil - , wh liv - ing had no

note, death ap - proached un - locked her si - lent  
— when death ap - un - - - locked her si - lent  
when death ap - proached un - locked her si - lent  
when death ap - proached un - locked her si - lent, si - lent  
note, when death ap - proached un - locked her si - lent, si - lent

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throat. Lean - ing her breast a -  
throat. Lean - ing her breast a - - - - gain - y  
throat. Lean - ing her breast a - - - - the.  
throat. A - gainst the reed shor -  
throat. Lean - ing her breast a - - - - the reed - - - - y

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against the reed - - - - more, thus sung her first and last, and sung no  
shore, first and last, and sung no more, no - - - -  
reed - - - - thus sung her first and last, and sung no  
thus sung her first and last, and sung no more, and sung no - - - -  
shore, thus sung her first and last, and sung no