If Music Be The Food Of Love

for SATB Chorus with Violoncello and Piano Accompaniment

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in memory of Edwin K. Dimes

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I am filled with

music be the food of love, sing on, sing on till I am filled with

joy;

for then my list'ning

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a little faster

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soul you move with pleasures that can never cloy, your

soul you move, you move with pleasures, pleasures that can never, never cloy, your

eyes, your mien, your tongue declare that you are music
Tempo Iº \( \text{(} j = 50 \text{)} \)

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If music be the food of love, sing

*Men stagger breathing if needed
are, They wound and all my senses feast-ed are.

tho’ yet the thing is only sound.

*stagger breathing if necessary
pleasures invade both, invade both eye and ear,

pleasures invade both eye and ear,

Faster (q = 112)

pleases invade both eye and ear,

Faster (q = 112)

so fierce transports are, they wound, and

so fierce transports are, they wound, and

For Perusal Only
Still faster ($\frac{1}{4} = 120$)

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all my senses feast ed are,

tho' yet the treat is only sound,
and all my senses feasted are.

the' yet the treat' is only sound.

Tenor & Bass
Tempo I° (\( \frac{d}{\phi} = 50 \))

Music be the (the) God of love, sing on, sing on till
I am filled with, music be the food of love.

Sure I must perish by your charms.

Sure
by your charms, unless you save me in your arms.

*Silently pronounce the "s" of "arms" and the "c" of "music" on release.