FAIREST ISLE
from
"KING ARTHUR"
for Three-Part Treble Voices with Keyboard Accompaniment

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Fair - est Isle, all isles excel ling.

Keyboard

seat of plea sure and of love, Venus

here will choose her dwelling, and for sake her

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Cyprian grove. Cupid from his favourite nation, Care and envy will renew move; Jealousy that poisons passion, and despair that dies for Love.
Gentle murmurs, sweet complaining.

Sighs that blow the fire of love.

Soft repulses, kind disdain.
Shall__ be all_ the pains_ you prove.

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Every swain__ shall__ pay his duty.

Ev _'ry swain__ shall__ pay his duty,

grateful ev _'ry nymph__ shall__ prove;

nymph__ shall prove;
and that these excel in beauty,

and as these excel in beauty.

Those shall be renowned for love.

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