

Text Painting Assignment



Show how text painting functions in the 1599 madrigal "Fair Phyllis" by John Farmer. Please consult both the recording and the score.

As an example, below is an explanation of the text painting in the Thomas Weelkes madrigal "As Vestas Was from Latmos Hill Descending."

While you listen, annotate [a PDF of the score](#) by circling where the text painting is happening and writing what's going on in the margins (as shown in the homework explainer slides). Identify at least three instances of text painting in the madrigal. Note: You will not receive full credit if you only circle them and do not explain your reasoning for circling these instances.

[Here is a score video](#) to use in your listening/analysis process!



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While you listen, annotate the PDF of the score by

- circling where the text painting is happening
- writing what's going on in the margins
(as shown in the next slides).

Identify at least **three** instances of text painting.



I demonstrated how to annotate a score here using *examples* from one of the madrigals discussed in the lecture:

Thomas Weelkes, “As Vesta was from Latmos hill descending”

Reminder: you are annotating the score for “Fair Phyllis,” *not* “As Vesta was.”

I annotated many instances where the melodic line is ascending or descending in “As Vestas Was,” since this is one of the main ways that Weelkes uses text painting here, but this may not be how Farmer uses text painting in “Fair Phyllis.” Remember, this is an example, not a formula.

Thomas Weelkes, “As Vestas Was...”

As Vesta was from Latmos hill **descending**,
she spied a maiden queen the same **ascending**,
attended on by all the shepherds swain,
to whom Diana's darlings **came running down amain**.

First **two by two**, then **three by three together**,
leaving their goddess **all alone**, hasted thither,
and mingling with the shepherds of her train with mirthful tunes her presence entertain.

Then sang the shepherds and nymphs of Diana

“Long live fair Oriana!”



[A video link to a performance](#)



Soprano I
As Ves - ta was from Lat-mos hill de-scend - ing, from Lat-mos hill, from Lat-mos hill de

Soprano II
As Ves - ta, as Ves - ta, from Lat-mos hill de-scend - ing, from Lat-mos hill de

Alto
As Ves - ta was de-scend - ing, from Lat-mos hill de - scend -

Tenor II
As Ves - ta was from Lat-mos hill de - scend - ing, from Lat-mos hill de - scend - ing, —

S. I
- scend-ing, She spied, she spied a mai - den Queen the

S. II
- scend - ing, She spied — a mai - den Queen, she spied a mai - den Queen the

A.
- ing, She spied a mai - den Queen the same a - scend - - -

T. II
— de-scend - ing, She spied a mai - den Queen the same a -

descending (going down) as the word "descending" is sung



S. I same a - scend - - ing, a - scend - ing, the same a - scend ing, the

S. II same a - scend ing, a - scend - ing, the same a - scend - -

A. ing, a - scend - ing, the same a - scend - - ing, a - scend - ing, the

T. II scend - ing, the same a - scend - - ing, the same a - scend -

ascending
(going up)
as word
"ascending"
is sung

S. I same a - scend - - ing, At - tend - ed on by all the shep - herds' swain,

S. II ing, a - scend - ing, At - tend - ed on by all the shep - herds' swain,

A. same a - scend - - ing, At - tend - ed on by all the shep - herds' swain,

T. I At - tend - ed on by all the shep - herds' swain, at -

T. II ing, the same a - scend - ing, At - tend - ed on by all the shep - herds' swain,

each voice "runs down" while singing
the text "running down a main"



S. I dar - - lings came run - ning down a - main, came

S. II a - na's dar - lings came run - ning down a - main, came run - ning down a -

A. whom Di - a - na's dar - - lings came run - ning

T. I came run - ning down a - main, a - - -

T. II a - na's dar - lings came run - ning down a - main,

B. came run - ning down a - main, came run - ning down a - main,

Two voices at a time for "two by two," three voices for "three by three"



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S. I
main, came run-ning down a - main, a - main, First two by two, then three by three to -

S. II
main, came run-ning down a - main, a - main, First two by two, then three by three to -

A.
came run - ning down a - main, First two by two, then three by three to -

T. I
main, came run - ning down a - main, First two by two, then three by three to -

T. II
came down a - main, then three by three to -

B.
run - ning down a - main, Then three by three to -

"all alone" is sung by one voice, all alone

S. I. ge - ther, Leav - ing their god - dess all a - lone hast - ed thi -

S. II. - ge - ther, leav - ing their god - dess hast - ed thi -

A. ge - ther, Leav - ing their god - dess hast - ed thi -

T. I. ge - ther, Leav - ing their god - dess hast - ed thi -

T. II. - ge - ther Leav - ing their god - dess hast - ed thi -

B. geth - er, Leav - ing their god - dess hast - ed thi -

All voices sing "together" at the same time, together.



Here is a score video of “Fair Phyllis” in case that is helpful!

The image displays a musical score for the song "Fair Phyllis". It features four staves: three treble clefs and one bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics "down he wan-dered, up and down he wan-dered,". The second staff has "up and down he wan-dered, up and down he wan-". The third staff has "down, up and down he wan-dered, up and down he". The fourth staff has "dered, he wan- dered,". The score is presented in a black and white format with a white background and black musical notation and text.