

[?Robert Johnson], *Have you seen the white lily grow* [See the chariot at hand]

(Och Mus. MS 87, fol 4v-5)

Ben Jonson

Have you seen the

white lily grow before rude hands had touch'd it? Have you

mark'd the fall of the snow before the soil

had smutch'd it? Have you felt the wool of beaver, or swan's

down ever? Have you smelt to the bud of the brier or the

nard in the fire? Have you tasted the bag of the bee?

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 (Och Mus. MS 87, fol 4v-5), 2

The image shows a musical score for a lute song. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a style typical of early modern lute music, with many beamed sixteenth notes. The lyrics 'Oh so white, oh so soft, oh so sweet,' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff has a bass clef and contains a few notes, including a whole note and a half note. The second system begins with a measure number '25' above the treble staff. The melody continues with similar rhythmic patterns. The lyrics 'so sweet was she.' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff continues with a few notes, including a whole note and a half note.

Extra stanzas from *NYp Drexel MS 4257, no. 2*

1. *See the chariot at hand here of Love,
 Wherein my lady rideth!
 Each that draws is a swan or a dove,
 And whilst the car Love guideth.
 As she goes, all hearts do duty
 Unto her beauty;
 And enamour'd do wish, so they might
 But enjoy such a sight,
 That they still were to run by her side,
 Through woods, through the seas, whither she would ride.*

2. *Do but look on her eyes, they do light
 All that Love's world compriseth;
 Do but look on her hair, it is bright
 As Love's star when it riseth.
 Do but mark, her forehead smoother
 Than words that soothe her;
 From her raised brows sits grace
 Sheds itself through the face,
 As alone their triumphs delight
 All the gain, all the good, of such elemental strife.*