

Pastyme with good company

(Henri VIII - 1491-1547)

This song is preserved in a manuscript now residing at the British Museum (B.M. Addl. MSS. 31,922; Addl. MSS. 5,665; MSS. Reg. Appendix 58). Both words and music are certainly written by Henry VIII of England

Score edited by the Arenai vocal ensemble (<http://arenai.free.fr>)

Soprano

Alto

Ténor

Basse

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