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1. INTRODUCTION

Fourteenth-century Italy is often referred to as the birthplace of the Renaissance due to the flowering of humanism-inspired arts; frescos by Giotto, sonnets by Petrarch, and ultimately the Cathedral of Florence with its magnificent dome. Although often neglected, this fourteenth-century flowering included music. Composers such as Francesco Landini and Jacopo da Bologna redefined the secular music of the Trecento. Thanks to the efforts of Willi Apel, Nino Pirrotta, Leo Schrade, Thomas Marrocco, and others, we have modern editions of nearly all the surviving pieces of Trecento Italy; however, these transcriptions lack the insight that more recent musicology has to offer. “None, however, are satisfactory, for they all predate the in-depth studies on the Trecento sources.”¹ Furthermore, the transcriptions leave too many of the performance practice issues unanswered, or more specifically, only partially answered. The goal of this project is to create a hybrid edition of a specific segment of Trecento music that is critical, but ultimately more useful to the modern performer. Because of the wealth of new research in the last twenty years, new transcriptions of each piece will be required, taking into account current scholarship on *musica ficta*, metric proportions, and various concordances. The most noticeable difference regarding these new transcriptions will be the choice of note-value reduction that will facilitate the use of

¹ Marco Gozzi, “On the text-music relationship in the Italian Trecento: the case of the Petrarchan madrigal *Non al so amante* set by Jacopo da Bologna,” *Polifonie* IV (2004): 205-6. For more enlightening remarks regarding the limits of editions printed before 1990, see Willi Apel, review of *Polyphonic Music of the Fourteenth Century. Vol. IV: The Works of Francesco Landini*, by Leo Schrade, *Notes*, second series, vol. 19, no. 3 (June 1962): 513. The outdated transcriptions include W. Thomas Marrocco, ed. *Polyphonic Music of the Fourteenth Century*, vols. 6-8; Nino Pirrotta, ed., *The Music of Fourteenth-Century Italy*; Schrade, Leo, ed. *The Works of Francesco Landini*, vol. 4 of *Polyphonic Music of the Fourteenth Century*; Johannes Wolf, ed., *Der Squarcialupi Codex: Pal. 87 der Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana zu Florenz*.

minim equivalence throughout the divisions. The choice to transcribe all minims as eighth notes will simplify the performer's choices when the music moves from one division to another. This decision will be supported with contemporary theoretical treatises and with the music itself.

In order to identify a feasible number of pieces for this study, I chose those that have texts written by poets who we can identify. In "The Musical and Literary Tradition of Fourteenth Century Poetry Set to Music,"² F. Alberto Gallo has identified the authors of approximately forty-two texts on the basis of the poem's presence and attribution in non-musical text manuscripts. From this group I chose pieces from composers working in the mid-to late Trecento (for reasons that will be discussed below), Niccolò da Perugia (fl. second half 14th century), Donato da Firenze (fl. second half 14th century), Gherardello da Firenze (c. 1320/25-1362/3), Lorenzo da Firenze (d. 1372/3), as well as the most prolific composer of the time, Francesco Landini (c. 1325-1397).³ I further narrowed the scope by identifying seventeen pieces that have never been recorded and whose recordings are out-of-print or are inaccessible because they exist on outdated media.⁴

The texts themselves present special challenges. There are abundant variants in the sources, many merely orthographic, but there are also modifications of words and phrases,

²F. Alberto Gallo, "The Musical and Literary Tradition of Fourteenth Century Poetry Set to Music," in *Musik und Text in der Mehrstimmigkeit des 14. und 15. Jahrhunderts*, ed. by Ursula Günther and Ludwig Finscher (Kassel: Bärenreiter, 1984), 55-76.

³ Little is known about these composers, save Francesco Landini. Landini's life is most thoroughly chronicled in Filippo Villani's *Liber de origine civitatis Florentiae et eiusdem famosis civibus* and is by far the most prolific composer included in this study. It is also widely recognized that several of the texts he set to music were his own. Niccolò da Perugia has set approximately 50 Italian texts, several of which were written by Franco Sacchetti, which suggests he spent some time in Florence. Donato da Firenze has 17 pieces that survive. Sacchetti refers him as "Presibiter de Cascia," which is near Florence. Lorenzo da Firenze, also included in Villani's chronicle, was known as a teacher at San Lorenzo in Florence, and quite possibly taught Landini. All of his secular compositions are included in the Squarcialupi Codex.

⁴Insofar as can be determined from the Medieval Music Database,
<http://www.lib.latrobe.edu.au/MMDB/index.htm> (accessed August 12, 2009.)

perhaps intended to better fit the music. A careful consideration of the poem's non-musical concordances together with a thorough musical-poetic analysis will be necessary in deciding how these texts should best be rendered. Attempting to establish a single critical text is an impossible and anachronistic task.⁵ Modern editions have done a disservice by purging variants from medieval texts, so I will present the texts and their variants as they appear in various musical and poetic sources in a side-by-side table for easy comparison. Lastly, the poems have been translated into English by Maria and Dr. H. Wayne Storey.

The study, analysis, and transcription of these pieces culminate in an audio recording by LIBER: Ensemble for Early Music, of which I am director.

⁵ Lauren Lambert Jennings, "Tracing Voices: Song as Literature in Late Medieval Italy" (Ph.D. diss., University of Pennsylvania, 2012), 50.

2. MUSICAL NOTATION

The main purpose of my transcriptions is to present the information contained in the manuscript in a clear and understandable fashion to facilitate the performer. My transcriptions of this mid-century Trecento repertoire are based on a minim equivalence throughout all the divisions. This decision is based on exhaustive readings of five contemporary treatises that deal specifically with fourteenth-century Italian notation as well as more than fifteen years of performing this repertoire. The relevant portions of these treatises have been summarized below. Perhaps the most complex issue in transcribing Trecento music is the interpretation of the so-called longanotation and how it has confused both medieval scribes and modern transcribers. I offer what I feel is a clearer solution with my transcriptions.

At first glance, the surviving music of the Trecento seems relatively easy to transcribe. Trecento notation superficially resembles modern notation with the note shapes being easily identified; however, it quickly becomes complicated due to the ever-changing notational and scribal practices of the time. This evolving notation causes difficulties for performers, particularly when a piece shifts to another division and the proportional relationship of note values becomes unclear. Marchetto of Padua (fl. 1305-1319), in his *Pomerium in arte musice mensurate* (c. 1319) is the first theorist to comprehensively discuss the mensural practices of Trecento composers and the first major treatise to discuss both the triple and duple division of the breve. Despite the thoroughness of his treatment of notation, a purely Marchettan system is not reflected in any of the extant manuscripts of Trecento music. Most of these manuscripts were

compiled long after the pieces were composed. Table 2.1 shows the dates for the main sources of Trecento music. Note that all of these manuscripts save the Rossi Codex postdate the assumed compositional date of the pieces in this study by at least thirty years.⁶

Table 2.1. Trecento manuscripts with their provenance, date, and abbreviations used in this study.

MS	Provenance	date	Abbr.
Vatican City, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, Rossi 215 (Codex Rossi)	Padua-Verona region	c1370 (Pirrotta)	Rs
Florence, Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, Panciatichiano 26	Florence	c1400 (Pirrotta, Nádas)	Fl
Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, it.568	Florence	1400-1410	Pit
Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, n.a.fr.6771 (Codex Reina)	north-east Italy (Padua-Venice region)	c1400–1410, section IV, 1430–40	R
Florence, Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana, Med.Pal.87 (Codex Squarcialupi)	Florence	c1410–15 (Bellosi, Nádas)	Sq
London, British Library, Add.29987	Possibly Florence	c1425 (Pirrotta)	Lo

Scribes were therefore required to interpret an old style of notation into a newer style, often without a strong knowledge of the older style. According to Marco Gozzi, “In all likelihood the scribes of *FP*, *Pit*, *Lo*, and *Sq* were also completely ignorant of Marchettan theory.”⁷ In John Nádas’ exhaustive dissertation on scribal practices and manuscript production, he writes:

Substantial evidence reveals that much of the Trecento repertory was originally notated in a form more completely Marchettan than the translated, Northern influenced forms in which so much of it now survives. The MSS also indicate that some scribes went to unusual lengths to clarify ambiguous aspects of the notation in their exemplars (e.g., superfluous use of dots in indicating *divisiones* or for preventing unwary alteration). The major problem is that at the time the MSS were copied, many notational features were in a state of flux; scribes, Italian or

⁶ Stanley Boorman, et al. "Sources, MS." In *Grove Music Online*. Oxford Music Online, <http://www.oxfordmusiconline.com/subscriber/article/grove/music/50158pg8> (accessed June 20, 2012).

⁷ Marco Gozzi, “New Light on Italian Trecento Notation” *Recercare* 13 (2001): 50.

otherwise, no doubt had to exercise a good deal of text-critical judgment in their work, for they were expected to handle a wide range of notational problems. In this respect, scribes felt free to make any alterations that would in their eyes improve or clarify readings in the compositions.⁸

This "northern influence", (i.e. French, following Phillippe de Vitry's writings), became stronger as the century progressed. It is this northern influence that led scribes to interpret, clarify, and in some cases "correct" the older notational style and was the genesis of what is now referred to as longanotation, discussed below.

It will be useful here to briefly summarize the progression of notation as it is explained in fourteenth-century Italian treatises and how this information has influenced my transcriptions. This summary will include Marchetto's *Pomerium* (c1319), the anonymous *De Diversis maneriebus in musica mensurabili* (c. 1330-40), the anonymous *Rubrice breves* (c1350), Johannes Vetulus de Anagnia's *Liber de musica* (c1360), and Prosdocimo de Beldemandis's *Tractatus pratice cantus mensurabilis ad modum italicorum* (1412).

MARCHETTO DA PADOVA POMERIUM IN ARTE MUSICE MENSURATE

The *Pomerium* establishes the relationship between the perfect and imperfect time unit (breve). According to Marchetto, "The imperfect time unit lacks at least a third part of the perfect."⁹ He continues with descriptions of the various divisions of the perfect and

⁸ John Nádas, "The Transmission of Trecento Secular Polyphony: Manuscript Production and Scribal Practices in Italy at the End of the Middle Ages," (PhD diss., New York University, 1985): 37.

⁹ Marchettus of Padua, "The Pomerium of Marchettus of Padua: a Translation and Critical Commentary," ed. and trans. Ralph Renner, (master's thesis, Washington University, 1980): 196.

imperfect breve in detail, which can be summarized in the following tables (Tables 2.2 and 2.3).¹⁰

Table 2.2. Perfect division of the breve according to Marchetto

Division				Note name
First			■	
Second	◆ ◆	◆ ◆	◆ ◆	Minor SB
Second	◆ ◆ ◆	◆ ◆ ◆	◆ ◆ ◆	Natural SB
Third	↓ ◆ ◆ ◆	↓ ◆ ◆ ◆	↓ ◆ ◆ ◆	Minim

Table 2.3. Imperfect division of the breve according to Marchetto

Division				Note name
		■		Breve
First	◆	◆		Major SB
Second	◆ ◆	◆ ◆		Natural Minor SB
Second	◆ ◆ ◆	◆ ◆ ◆		First degree minim
Third	↓ ◆ ◆ ◆	↓ ◆ ◆ ◆	↓ ◆ ◆ ◆	Second degree minim

It is upon this assertion of a 3:2 ratio between the perfect and imperfect breve that his descriptions of the divisions rests. It leads to conclude that the major semibreves are

¹⁰ For a thorough summary of the *Pomerium*, see Alexander Blachly, “Mensuration and Tempo in 15th-Century Music: Cut Signatures in Theory and Practice” (PhD diss., Columbia University, 1995): 63–75.

equal to one another in all divisions (i.e. *duodenaria* major semibreve is equal to an *octonaria* major semibreve). He further clarifies this in Treatise Three:

Therefore, two semibreves, no more, result from the first division of the imperfect time unit; and these [two] are equal in value and equivalent to two of the three semibreves of the first division of the perfect time unit. For this reason, they should be written alike, [for] they are equal both in value and also in nature . . .¹¹

This clearly establishes a theoretical basis for semibreve (major) equivalence throughout the divisions for music of the early Trecento.

Marchetto's treatise, particularly his discussion of time, is both a rational explanation and a philosophical justification of Italian notation.¹² It is the philosophical justifications that make interpreting the text difficult. One such example is his discussion of *senaria perfecta*, in which he says, "We cannot write a note which does not naturally contain at least one of the number of parts into which the time unit is divided; for (if we wrote such a note), it would not be singable."¹³ In other words, Marchetto is stating that the minim in *senaria perfecta* is the shortest singable note, so it stands to reason that the minim in *duodenaria* must be just as short, for if it were shorter, it would be unsingable. It stands, therefore, that the breve of *duodenaria* is twice as long as the breve in *senaria perfecta*.¹⁴ This directly conflicts with his system based on a fixed breve value.

Chapter Four of *Pomerium* includes a section titled "The refutation of a certain error," which introduces further confusion with additional philosophical explanations. In this section Marchetto attempts to explain the contradiction of both the perfect and

¹¹ Renner, "Pomerium," 204.

¹² Blachly, "Mensuration and Tempo," 64.

¹³ Renner, "Pomerium," 126.

¹⁴ Dale Bonge, "The Theory and Practice of Measure in Medieval Polyphony to the Ars Nova," (PhD diss., University of Michigan, 1975), 141. Bonge reaches the same conclusion.

imperfect breve containing six parts (*senaria perfecta* and *imperfecta*, respectively) but being unequal in value:

Two things can each be divided into the same number of parts, but this does not make any part of the one thing common to it and the other thing. For example, two lines can each be divided into the same number of parts – two, three, four, or more; yet no part of the one line can ever be common to it and the other line. Thus, even though, as more division of the imperfect time unit are made, some of them turn out to have the same number of parts as some divisions of the perfect time unit, nevertheless none of the parts of the imperfect time unit [either singly] or altogether, can ever be common to this [time unit] and the perfect time unit. For the nature of the imperfect time unit is essentially and of itself distinct from the nature of the perfect time unit; this is especially clear in the manner of singing according to the perfect and the imperfect time unit.¹⁵

This is an unsatisfactory explanation, which does not fully explain *senaria perfecta* and how it relates to the other divisions. Marchetto would be unable to admit that both *senaria perfecta* and *imperfecta* shared a minim equivalence because by doing so, the basic tenant of his treatise—the imperfect breve being two-thirds the value of the perfect breve—would be completely devalued.¹⁶

The validity of Marchetto's unequal minims in the *senaria* divisions is further challenged by simultaneous use of both *senaria perfecta* and *imperfecta* in the anonymous madrigal *Seguendo un me' sparver* (see Figures 2.1 and 2.2). At the beginning of the ritornello, the cantus bears the initials *.sp.* (*senaria perfecta*). The tenor bears, at the same location, the initial *.g.* (*senaria Gallica*, or *imperfecta*). This simultaneous occurrence can only be properly transcribed with equal minims.

¹⁵ Renner, “Pomerium,” 210-11.

¹⁶ Blachly, “Mensuration and Tempo,” 71-72.

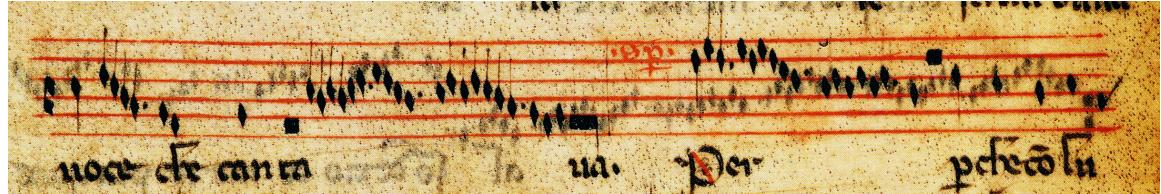


Figure 2.1. *Seguendo un me' sparver*, superius excerpt. Rs f.3v¹⁷



Figure 2.2. *Seguendo un me' sparver*, tenor excerpt. Rs f.4

ANONYMOUS

DE DIVERSIS MANERIEBUS IN MUSICA MENSURABILI

This treatise is a fragmentary work (Anon. VII of Coussemaker, *Scriptores*, vol. 3) which Gallo dates c.1330-1340. The treatise discusses the values of the semibreves in each mensuration and the way in which they are notated. The semibreve with the descending tail followed by a regular semibreve ($\uparrow \downarrow$) has been replaced with a breve followed by a single minim ($\blacksquare \downarrow$). This is a characteristic of Vitry's French practice of imperfection, something Marchetto would never have allowed. While it does not specifically address minim equivalence, it does strengthen the argument by showing that French practice is being mixed with the Italian.¹⁸

¹⁷ Nino Pirrotta, ed. *Il Codice Rossi* (Lucca: Libreria Musicale Italiana, 1992): IIIv.

¹⁸ As mentioned by F. Alberto Gallo, *La Teoria della Notazione in Italia dalla Fine del XIII all'Inizio del XV Secolo*, (Bologna: Tamari Editori, 1966), 57.

ANONYMOUS
RUBRICE BREVES

The anonymous *Rubrice breves* (brief rules) continues to be based on the two classes of breve, perfect and imperfect, but includes seven independent mensurae, two more than Philippe de Vitry's French system. It is from his discussion of the various mensurae that we can gain valuable insight in support of the minim equivalence theory. Rather than dividing the whole into parts as Marchetto does, the author here refers to each mensurae by its highest number of divisible parts, the minim. Below are the most important excerpts that describe the various mensurae, beginning with the perfect, then followed by the imperfect.

[*Duodenaria*]

The regular perfect time is that in which there are placed within one time unit, twelve semibreves (which are called minims).

[*Novenaria*]

This is again the same time unit in quantity (i.e. where three semibreves are put for one time unit and are called "major semibreves") but divided into nine parts, and not twelve, and these again are called minims.

[*Senaria perfecta*]

This time is perfect with respect to division because it is divided into three parts, and afterwards into six and not beyond, because of the speed of its manner of singing. But with respect to quantity it is one-half of the above-mentioned perfect time of twelve divisions, and this time is called the "smaller perfect" time.

[*Ternaria*]

This time is perfect with respect to division because it is divided into three parts, and not beyond, because of its speed, but with respect to its quantity it is one-third of the above perfect time of nine divisions. [. . .] This time is also one-half of the imperfect time of six divisions, which is called the French *senaria*, and of the French manner in regard to quantity.

[*Octonaria*]

This time is called imperfect, because it is divided into two equal parts. This time is less than the above perfect time of twelve divisions by a third; for [this time] eight semibreves are written, called minims . . .

[*Quaternaria*]

This imperfect time is called “smaller” because it is divided into two equal parts, and after that into four.

[French *senaria*]

This time is called the “regular imperfect.” [. .] And this imperfect time is less than the perfect time above (of the nine divisions) by a third part.¹⁹

The mathematical relationships between the divisions and notes can be readily devised from the text and clearly support an equal minim theory for most divisions. It is the interpretation of *novenaria* that leads to confusion. The difference lies in the interpretation of the following phrase: “This is again the same time unit in quantity (i.e. where three semibreves are put for one time unit, and are called “major semibreves”), but divided into nine parts, called minims.” Dale Bonge and others interpret this to mean the breve in *novenaria* is equal in value to the breve in *duodenaria*, thus establishing a 4:3 relationship between the minims of *.d.* to *.n.* respectively.²⁰ They assume the “quantity” (*quantitate*) here means the value of the breves, but I posit that it is the number of major semibreves which each breve contains is that which is equal, not the value of the breves themselves. Simply put, the equality between *duodenaria* and *novenaria* being referred to is the number of major semibreves each breve contains. From this we can infer that the minim is equal in value from *duodenaria* to *novenaria* allowing the mensural relationships in the *Rubrice breves* to agree with the other writings of the mid-century.

To show this difference more easily, Tables 2.4 and 2.5 display each note value as a total number of minims. Table 2.4 shows Bonge’s theory with *.d.* and *.n.* with an equal

¹⁹ Bonge, 97-110.

²⁰ Gozzi, “New Light,” 14-15, Blachly, “Mensuration and Tempo,” 77, and Bonge, 100.

number of minims. Table 2.5 shows the relationships if *.d.* and *.n.* have an equal number of major semibreves.

Table 2.4. Minim values according to *Rubrice Breves* (interpreted by Bonge)

	Perfect					Imperfect			
	B	SBM	SBm	M		B	SBM	SBm	M
<i>.d.</i>	12	4	3	1		<i>.o.</i>	8	4	2
<i>.n.</i>	12	4		4/3		<i>.i.</i>	8	4	4/3
<i>.p.</i>	6	2		1		<i>.q.</i>	4	2	1

Table 2.5. Minim values according to *Rubrice Breves* (interpreted by author)

	Perfect					Imperfect			
	B	SBM	SBm	M		B	SBM	SBm	M
<i>.d.</i>	12	4	3	1		<i>.o.</i>	8	4	2
<i>.n.</i>	9	3		1		<i>.i.</i>	6	3	1
<i>.p.</i>	6	2		1		<i>.q.</i>	4	2	1

JOHANNES VETULUS DE ANAGNIA

LIBER DE MUSICA

The *Liber de Musica*, like the *Rubrice breves*, is in a complicated position of describing a fluid and transformative tradition that Gallo most aptly describes:

The *Rubrice breves* describe a system that is in the process of transforming under the influence of the [French] *ars nova*. In fact, their position is still an uncertain one, which can be placed in a near equilibrium between the *antiqua* and *moderna* traditions. On the other hand, the text that offers the new systematic placement of all the rhythmic measurements in a well-defined form, even affixing different temporal extensions to them in scientifically precise terms, is Johannes Vetulus de Anagnia's *Liber de musica*.²¹

²¹ F. Alberto Gallo. *La Teoria*, 65. English translation by Elizabeth Elmi.

Johannes' treatise (1360)²² is the only fourteenth-century treatise that assigns musical notes a precise temporal value. He does this by dividing large units of time into successively smaller units, beginning with the year, month, day, and continuing with the following subdivisions:

The day (*dies*: twenty-four hours) is divided into four quadrants (*quadrantes*);
 the quadrant (six hours) is divided into six hours (*horæ*);
 the hour (sixty minutes) is divided into four points (*puncta*);
 the point (fifteen minutes) is divided into ten moments (*momenta*);
 the moment (90 seconds) is divided into twelve ounces (*unica*);
 the ounce (seven seconds and a half) is divided into fifty-four atoms (*athomi*);
 the atom (14/100 of second) is indivisible.²³

The *unica* is the measure of *tempus perfectum minus seu medium* “and is represented by a four-sided note (that is, a perfect brevis), divisible into three parts.”²⁴ This statement is referring to the perfect breve of *novenaria*, making the temporal value of this breve 7.5 seconds.

Johannes also supplies us with the total lengths of the various *mensura*, from which we can extrapolate the temporal value of the minim in each division (see Table 2.6).

²² Gozzi, “New Light,” 17, suggests date later by two or three decades.

²³ Ibid.

²⁴ Johannis Vetuli de Anagnia. *Liber de Musica*, ed. by Frederick Hammond, (n.p.: American Institute of Musicology, 1977): 17.

Table 2.6. Temporal value of the minim in atoms²⁵

note name ²⁶	Number of Minims	Italian division	Atoms	Minim value in atoms
Temp. perf. maius	1 tempus=12 M	<i>duodenaria</i>	72	6
Temp. perf. minus	9 M	<i>novenaria</i>	54	6
Temp. perf. minimum	6 M	<i>senaria perfecta</i>	36	6
Temp. imp. maius	8 M	<i>octonaria</i>	48	6
Temp. imp. minus	6 M	<i>senaria imperfecta</i>	36	6
Temp. imp. minimum	4 M	<i>quaternaria</i>	24	6

Thus, a minim proceeds at a metronome marking of 72 bpm, a tempo far too slow to be practical.²⁷ Even though his results for a tempo seem erroneous, they are not without value. Johannes's deductions clearly show that at this point in the century, Italian music was most likely being performed with minims equal throughout the divisions.

This minim equivalence is typical of the French system described in *Ars nova*, ascribed to Philippe de Vitry (ca. 1323)²⁸ and has little to do with the earlier Marchettan theory. It is important to note that in his *Liber de Musica*, Johannes does not even mention the *puncti divisionis*, which are so prevalent in early Italian notation. He largely concerns himself with the correct interpretation of French elements, such as points of perfection and the syncope.

And through these four divisions are all divisions and modes known, notated, and executed, as shown in the example below. It might be asked why the divisions by 12 and by 8 are not included. To which, the response will be that because tempus 12 is composed of three measures of 4 divisions, and tempus 8 of two measures.

²⁵ Gozzi, "New Light," 18.

²⁶ These note names do not correspond to Vitry's use of the same name. For example, Vetulus's *tempus perfectum maius* indicates *duodenaria*, but for Vitry, it indicates *novenaria*. For more, see Gozzi, "New Light," 18.

²⁷ Ephraim Segerman, "A Re-examination of the Evidence on Absolute Tempo Before 1700-I" (*Early Music*, May 1996): 227-28 makes an interesting argument for the breve or semi-breve to be the "pulse" tempo, rather than the minim, as shown above.

²⁸ We can surmise this from his statement that equates the *tempus imperfectum majus* and *tempus perfectum medium*, see Gozzi, "New Light," 9.

And in imperfect divisions, as may be seen in 12 and 8, a variety of many and diverse symbols are required, and special semibreves with various and diverse appendages. And these and other divisions can be notated and recognized by three single notes, namely, by the major semibreve, minor semibreve, and the minim.²⁹

Furthermore, by treating *octonaria* and *duodenaria* as multiples of *quaternaria* rather than their own distinct divisions, he is outlining the basic premise of longanotation, which will be discussed below.³⁰

PROSDOCIMO DE BELDEMANDIS TRACTATUS PRATICE CANTUS MENSURABILIS AD MODUM ITALICORUM

Although this treatise was written in the early fifteenth century, at least three decades after the music in this study was composed, it is included here because of Prosdocimo's admonition of the apparently common practice where Italians sang with equal minims.

Nor should anyone say that the Italian practice creates an unnecessary profusion in setting up an *octenaria* mensuration, which might appear to be double *quaternaria*, and a *duodenaria* mensuration, which might appear to be triple *quaternaria*, when the said multiples of *quaternaria* would appear to suffice for that purpose. For if we consider the matter carefully, [we shall see that] these two mensurations, *duodenaria* and *octenaria*, have not been set up unnecessarily . . . If we calculate these mensurations carefully and [then] sing them somewhat fast (*aliquantulum stricte*), we will find the *octenaria* mensuration reduced to the *senaria*, and *duodenaria* to *novenaria*. The two larger measures, you see, are in *proportio sesquitertia* [respectively] to the two smaller. Therefore, these mensurations have not been set up unnecessarily, because we could not have this *sesquitertial* proportion without them. But of course they would have been set up unnecessarily if they were sung as notated (*sub suo proprio esse*) instead of faster, that is, *octenaria* as double *quaternaria*, and *duodenaria* as triple *quaternaria*, as they are sometimes sung by ignorant Italian musicians.³¹

The opening of the *Tractatus* offers more evidence of this.

²⁹Johannis Vetuli de Anagnia, 75. Translation by Ross Duffin.

³⁰Gozzi, "New Light," 20.

³¹Prosdocimus de Beldemandi. *A Treatise on the Practice of Mensural Music in the Italian Manner*, Ed. and trans. Jay Huff, ([n.p.]: American Institute of Musicology, 1972): 27.

The art or practice of mensural music is discovered to be of two kinds: There is the Italian practice, which at present only the Italians use, and there is the French practice, which all Europeans now embrace except the Italians. Of late, however, even the Italians have taken to using French practice . . ."³²

Prosdocio is very precise when discussing the relationship between these divisions and quite demeaning to those who continue to sing these with equal minimis.

LONGANOTATION

There exist two basic notational forms in *Sq*, the Italian (*brevisnotation*) and the French (*longanotation*). The longanotation is "a modernized notation, in which the *octonaria* and *duodenaria* measures are replaced with *quaternaria* modal units (imperfect mode for *octonaria* and perfect for *duodenaria*, respectively), while the other meters with which these two may alternate are left unaltered."³³ More simply put, it was an attempt by later scribes to eliminate the confusion surrounding the two sizes of identically written semibreves when dealing with the third division of the breve. An examination of Tables 2.2 and 2.3 above show that the semibreve (♦) is used for both the primary and secondary division of breve. This is not a problem when working in a division that does not require the third division of the breve—*novenaria*, *quaternaria*, *senaria perfecta* and *senaria imperfecta*—because the second division is often written using minimis (◆). The divisions *octonaria* and *duodenaria* requires all three divisions, for which we only have two different note shapes, therefore two of these divisions must use the same note shape, hence the major and minor semibreve, both of which are written identically (♦). It seems likely that the scribes, already fluent in the later French notation, had difficulty dealing

³² Ibid., 11.

³³ Agostino Ziino. "The Musical Notation," in *Il Codice Squarcialupi: Ms. Mediceo Palatino 87, Biblioteca Laurenziana di Firenze*, ed. F. Alberto Gallo (Firenze: Giunti Barbèra, 1992): 256-57.

with this peculiarity of early Italian notation and began using the longa (■) as the primary unit of measure, rather than the breve. In practice, this meant the scribes began to transcribe the major semibreve as a breve, and the breve as a long. They left the minor semibreves and minims unchanged (see Figures 2.3 and 2.4).³⁴ Of the seventeen pieces in this study, eleven begin one or both of their musical sections with a longa. This conversion allowed the scribe to use a different note shape for each of the necessary values in the third division. Modern editors have added note values at the bottom by transcribing minims in *octonaria* and *duodenaria* as sixteenth notes, rather than transcribing the notation with an added note value at the top as our medieval colleagues did; they essentially reversed the idea of longanotation. It seems only logical for a modern transcription to reflect what the medieval scribe has done; add a larger note value at the top (the longa) and have all minims transcribed with the same shape, eighth notes.

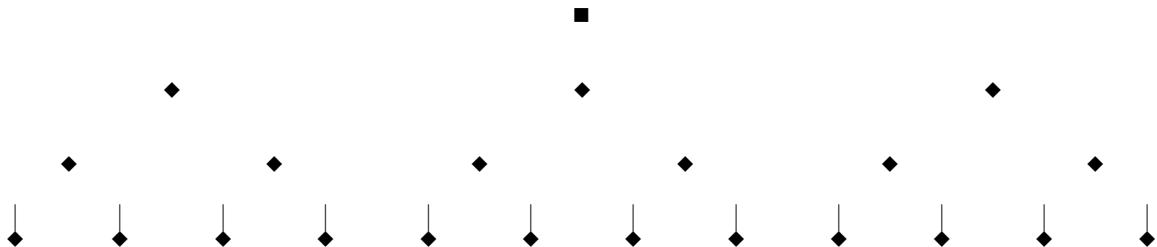


Figure 2.3. *Duodenaria* transcribed according to Marchettus

³⁴ Blachly, Alexander, "Italian Ars Nova," in *A Performer's Guide to Medieval Music*, ed. Ross Duffin (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2000): 208.

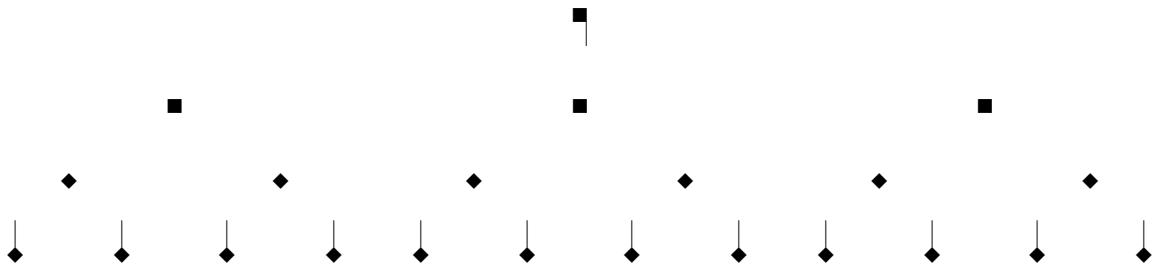


Figure 2.4. *Duodenaria* rewritten in longanotation

An examination of the notation in Donato's *Un bel girfalco* will serve as an excellent example in support of my decision to transcribe eighth notes as minims as it contains three different divisions within the piece. This madrigal begins in *octonaria*, switches to *senaria perfecta* at the end of the first strophe (measure 64 in transcription), and then to *duodenaria* for the ritornello. The piece appears in both *Sq* and *Pit* and the superius in both begin with two longs, a clear sign that it was written in longanotation. (see Figures 2.5 and 2.6)



Figure 2.5. Opening of Donato's *Un bel girfalco*, Sq 71v, top voice.³⁵

³⁵ F. Alberto Gallo, *Il Codice Squarcialupi: Ms. Mediceo Palatino 87, Biblioteca Laurenziana di Firenze* (Firenze: Giunti Barbèra, 1992.)

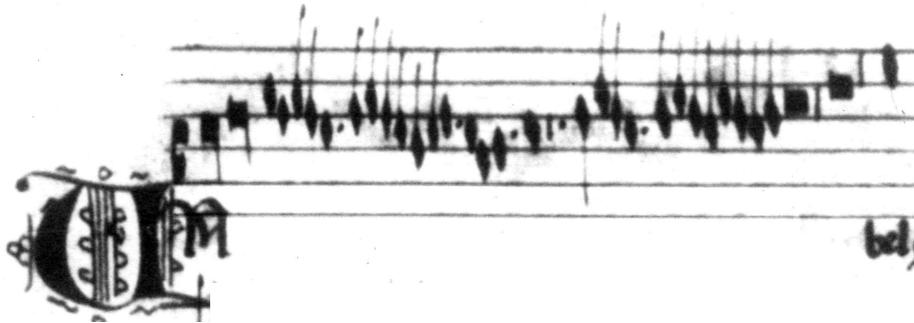


Figure 2.6. Opening of Donato's *Un bel girfalco*, Pit 15v, top voice.³⁶

Most twentieth-century editors have used similar methods when transcribing this piece. Johannes Wolf's solution was to further reduce the minims in *duodenaria* and *octonaria* to sixteenth notes, which to a modern performer indicates a faster progression of notes. In his 1955 transcription of *Un bel girfalco*³⁷ (see Figure 2.9) he begins by transcribing the longa as a single bar of *tempus imperfectum, prolatio minor*, using the symbol C (which does not appear in either manuscript). At measure 32 he transcribes the shift to *senaria perfecta* (clearly marked with a .p. in both manuscripts, see Figures 2.7 and 2.8) with a $\frac{6}{4}$ signature, changing the minims to eighth notes. At the *ritornello*, he does not indicate a new time signature or division (despite the clearly marked .d. in both sources. See again Figures 2.7 and 2.8), but changes the minims back to sixteenth notes, as he did in the opening section of *octonaria*. Wolf does not suggest any mensural relationship and it is not clear what relationship he intends. If one were to keep the major semibreve of .o. (half note) equal to the semibreve of .p. (quarter note), the tempo of .p. would be unsingably slow.

³⁶ From microfilm.

³⁷ Johannes Wolf, *Der Squarcialupi Codex: Pal. 87 der Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana zu Florenz* (Lippstadt: Kistner and Siegel and Co., 1955): 99.

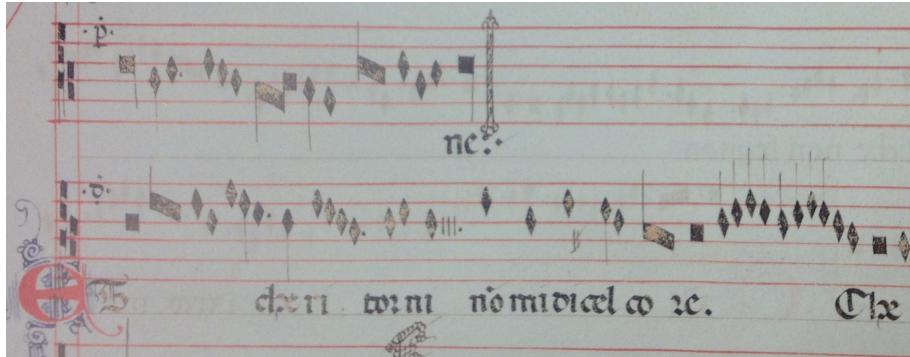


Figure 2.7. Detail of mensural shifts of *Un bel girfalco*, Sq 71v, tenor voice



Figure 2.8. Detail of mensural shifts of *Un bel girfalco*, Pit 16r, tenor voice

One of the earliest editors to specifically address longanotation was Nino Pirrotta in his prefatory notes to *The Music of Fourteenth-Century Italy*.³⁸ In Volume III, he states,

Still, it may be useful to recall how the characteristic types of division in the old Italian notation are rendered: basically reducing the semibreves of the original notation into modern quarter or dotted quarter notes, making the distinction, however, between slower *duodenaria* and *octonaria* ($=3\frac{1}{4}$ and $2\frac{1}{4}$) and the faster *senaria perfecta* and *quaternaria* ($=\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$).³⁹

By reducing the minim to a sixteenth note, he has made the third divisions of *duodenaria* and *octonaria* equal in length to the second divisions of *senaria perfecta* and *quaternaria*, respectively. His transcription of Donato's *Un bel girfalco*⁴⁰ (see Figure 2.10) is fundamentally the same as Wolf's, but he includes additional time signature changes in an

³⁸ Nino Pirrotta ed. *Music of Fourteenth-Century Italy*, vol 1 ([N.p.]: American Institute of Musicology): ii.

³⁹ Ibid., vol. 3, iii.

⁴⁰ Ibid., vol. 3, 37.

attempt to reflect the original notation. Pirrotta did not want the modern bar lines to break up what appears to be a larger rhythmic figure, so in *Un bel girfaco* he uses a starting meter of $2 \times \frac{2}{4}$ and then changes to “3” (indicating $3 \times \frac{2}{4}$) in measure 8 and then returns to “2” in measure 12. This is cumbersome to the modern performer and as Blachly writes “Even Pirrotta admits: ‘The good in this principle does not necessarily avoid the possibility that its application may in some cases apparently or even actually be open to discussion.’”⁴¹ At the mensuration shift in the opening strophe, Pirrotta suggests a 2:3 relationship from opening section in *.o.* to the new *.p.* (half note in *.o.* = dotted half note in *.p.*) or, major semibreve of imperfect time equals the breve of the perfect time. When moving to the *ritornello*, he suggests a dotted quarter in *.p.* = quarter note in *.d.*, which is the same relationship as before but termed with different note values, adding to the confusion.

Thomas Marrocco, in his edition of Trecento music in *PMFC*, chose modern time signatures that do not distinguish *duodenaria* and *senaria perfecta* or *octonaria* and *quaternaria*. Throughout his editions, he uses $\frac{3}{4}$ for the former pair and $\frac{2}{4}$ for the latter. A performer will only know there was a change of division by reading the critical notes, as he includes no indication within the score itself. In his transcription of *Un bel girfalco* (see Figure 2.11) there is nothing in the score indicating the division has changed from *senaria perfecta* to *duodenaria* when moving into the ritornello, despite the appearance of *.p.* and *.d.* in the manuscript.⁴² His transcription ultimately follows Pirrotta’s but he

⁴¹ Blachly, "Italian Ars Nova," 222

⁴² W. Thomas Marrocco, ed., *Italian Secular Music by Vincenzo da Rimini Rosso de Chollegrana, Donato da Firenze, Gherardello da Firenze, Lorenzo da Firenze*, vol. 7 of *Polyphonic Music of the Fourteenth Century* (Monaco: Éditions de l’Oiseau-Lyre, 1971), 180. Transcription on page 69.

does not suggest a proportion between the two sections, although he is using modern $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$, so the proportion he is preferring is assumed to be half = dotted half.

As can be seen through the above examples, both theoretical and empirical, there is a strong argument for transcribing minims as eighth notes in all the divisions. By maintaining a consistency of reduction as in the authors transcription (see Figure 2.12), the performer can better deduce the original notation and make a more informed decision about proportion should they choose not to adopt a minim equivalence.

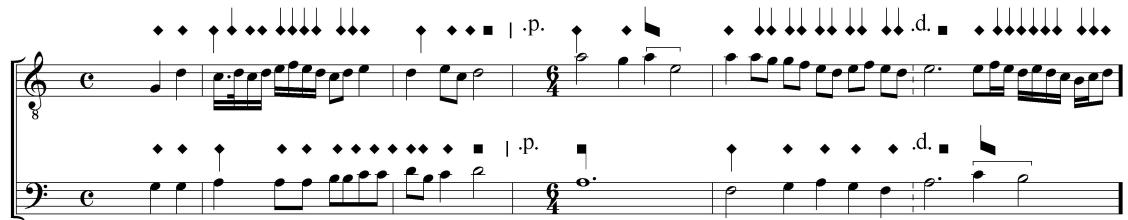


Figure 2.9. *Un bel girfalco* according to Wolf⁴³

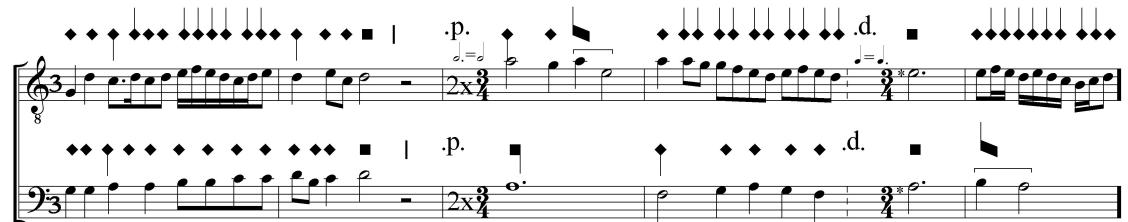


Figure 2.10. *Un bel girfalco* according to Pirrotta

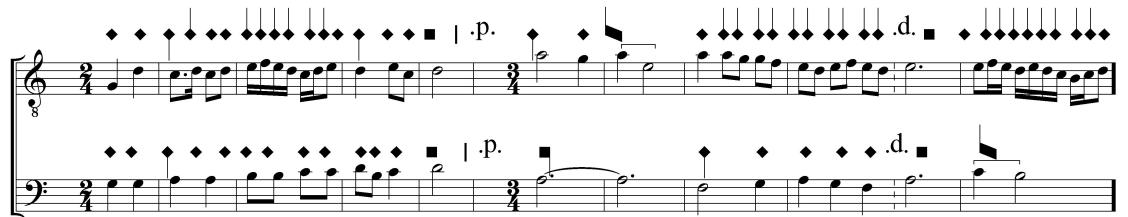


Figure 2.11. *Un bel girfalco* according to Marrocco

⁴³ In Figures 2.9-2.12, the dashed measure line indicates a jump to the beginning of the ritornello.

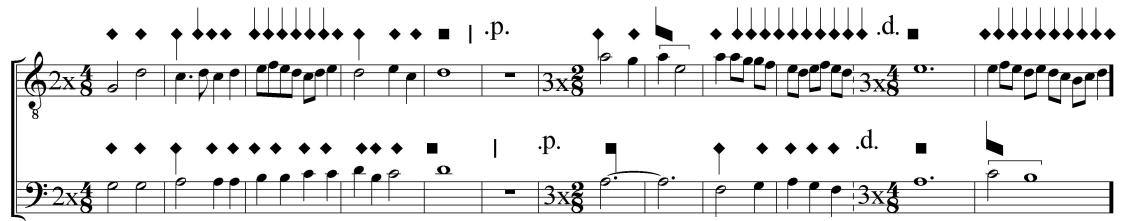


Figure 2.12. *Un bel girfalco* according to Hudson

3. LITERARY TEXTS

Understanding Trecento lyric poetry is a daunting task. The Italian peninsula was still a collection of city-states, often in conflict with one another, and use of the Italian language (such as it was) was still relatively new and by no means standardized, as Stephen Botterill points out:

To write in ‘Italian’ is never, in the fourteenth century, a straightforward or uninflected option, and vernacular texts must always be seen in their relations (which vary, of course, according to factors like authorship, genre, and audiences actual and implied) with a long-standing, internationally practised, institutionally supported, and culturally dominant traditions of writing in Latin.⁴⁴

Add to this difficulty our very fragmented view of the body of work produced in this time, the study of which is grossly overshadowed by the *tre corone* of Trecento literature, Dante, Boccaccio, and Petrarch. It would, therefore, require a thorough examination of each text, considering its individual political, social, geographical, and cultural context, a task outside the realm of this study. I will, instead, summarize the relevant portions of Italian literary theory as they pertain to the musical settings and use this summary to inform my text editing and underlay decisions. Appendix C presents the texts as they are found in various sources to facilitate a study of their concordances.

⁴⁴ Steven Botterill, “Minor Writers,” in *The Cambridge History of Italian Literature*, ed. Peter Brand and Lino Pertile (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996): 109.

POETIC FORMS AND PRESENTATION

Texts set to music in the Trecento typically fall into two categories of secular, vernacular forms: the madrigal and ballata. This terminology is also used to describe their musical settings. The madrigal consists of two or three three-line strophe called a *copule* or *terzetti* that are set to identical music (musical A section). These strophes are followed by a one- or two-line ritornello (musical B section), resulting in the typical form AaB.⁴⁵ Madrigals exist wherein each *terzetto* gets its own music, resulting in a musical form that is simply AB. This is the case with the through-composed *O giustitia*, where Niccolò sets all six lines of both *terzetti* to independent music.⁴⁶ The ballata typically consists of a *ripresa* (musical A section), two symmetrical *piedi* (musical B section), *volta* (musical A section), and a repeat of the *ripresa* resulting in the form ABbaA. A third musical form is the caccia. Caccia texts do not have a fixed form, but are often madrigals, hence the designation caccia-madrigal in some modern transcriptions. It is the canonic nature of the two upper voices that sets them apart from the madrigal.

According to John Nádas the *Squarcialupi Codex* was compiled by five scribes, four musical and one textual. Nádas describes the textual element as having been entered by “the work of a skilled, beautiful gothic hand, capable of maintaining consistency throughout a long project such as *Sq.*”⁴⁷ The textual scribe takes particular care in

⁴⁵ An uppercase letter indicates the first instance of a melody and text. An exact repeat of this section would use the same capital letter (i.e. AA is a repeat of the same music with the same text). The use of a lowercase letter indicates the same music as its corresponding capital letter, but with different text.

⁴⁶ Marrocco’s transcriptions of these madrigals in PMFC include a repeat sign at the end of the A section. This is both unnecessary and misleading.

⁴⁷ John Nádas, “The Squarcialupi Codex: An edition of Trecento Songs, ca. 1410-1415,” in *Il Codice Squarcialupi: Ms. Mediceo Palatino 87, Biblioteca Laurenziana di Firenze*, vol. 1, ed. F. Alberto Gallo (Firenze: Giunti Barbèra, 1992): 52.

spacing, allowing for the later addition of music.⁴⁸ He also presents the text in a manner that reflects its literary form. When the text is underscored directly below the music, there are very often periods, colons, or slashes to indicate the end of the poetic line. As is often the case in *Sq*, the second *piede* of a ballata text is also underscored below the music. This double underscoring will be addressed below in Section 3 on Text underlay. When additional text is found in the *residuum*, the text is also laid out with an eye for the verse structure. *Non creder donna* can serve as a clear example of the care taken to present the literary texts in the *residuum*. (See Figure 3.1)

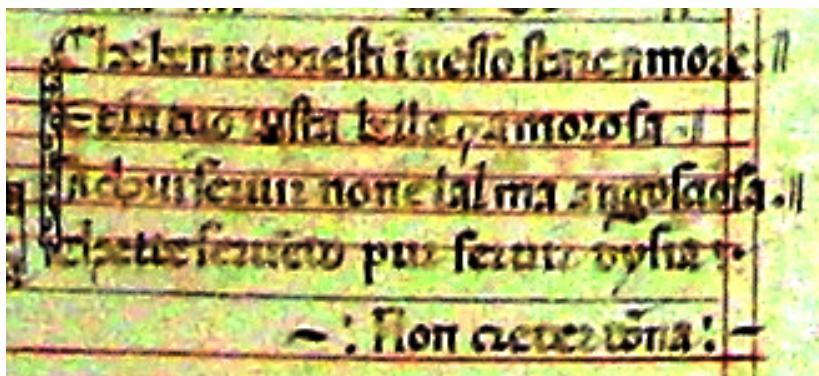


Figure 3.1. *Non creder donna*. *Sq* f. 136v

In addition to periods and colons, *Un bel girfalco* uses a combination of a colon and two vertical lines (:||) in the *residuum* to indicate line ends. Other pieces use a hierarchy of punctuation to indicate the level of finality, from least to most final: the period, the colon, and the colon followed by a dot (:·). This careful attention to the layout of the verse structure unfortunately does not carry over to the transmission of the actual texts. In a single piece, when multiple voices are underlaid, there are often discrepancies

⁴⁸ It is important to remember the order in which the elements of the MS were added, particularly when facing an ambiguous underlay in the manuscript.

between them. Some are simply spelling errors while others involve different vowels being added or dropped, which can significantly change the scansion of the text and subsequently the underlay.

VERSIFICATION AND SCANSIO

Proper scansion of a verse is essential when treating text underlay in the Trecento. Identifying the moments of *sinalefe* and *dialefe* is crucial, and there is often remarkable consistency between the musical sources. There are, however, instances where the scansion of a line could be open to a great deal of interpretation. Scholars assume that the rules of scansion had not been codified by this time and so the “application of scansion should be viewed, therefore, as a process ‘in progress’ that leaves room for different options.”⁴⁹ With this in mind, the basic rules for scansion are as follows:

Syllable count – Each isolated vowel counts as a syllable

When adjacent vowels occur in separate words, there are two possible solutions:

Sinalefe – The adjacent vowels in separate words are elided and count as one syllable. This can be done with more than two vowels.

e.g. *Con gli_o-chi_as-sai ne mi-ro* (7 syllables)

Dialefe – The adjacent vowels in separate words are separated and count as two syllables

e.g. *Et non no i-spe-ran-ça né con-for-to* (11 syllables)

When adjacent vowels occur in the same word:

Sineresi – The vowels are elided and count as one syllable. Sineresi cannot occur at the end of a line if the first of the two vowels is accented (...mío.) nor can it occur between *a*, *e*, or *o* and an accented vowel

e.g. *De l'a-ria_in brac-cio_a piom-bo giú mi ven-ne* (11 syllables)

Dieresi – The vowels are separated and count as two syllables. This never occurs when *i* serves to soften the pronunciation of a preceding consonant (i.e. *giorno*), when *i* is descended from a Latin *l* (e.g. *fiore/florem*), when a

⁴⁹ Abramov-van Rijk, Elena, *Parlar Cantando: The Practice of Reciting Verses in Italy from 1300-1600* (Bern, Switzerland: Peter Lang, 2009): 274-75. It should be noted that this text includes many points that have not been universally accepted by musicologists and is therefore referenced only as an English-language source for Italian poetic structure.

diphthong *ie* or *uo* is the development of a Latin *e* or *o* (e.g. *piede/pedem*), or when *i* is pronounced as *j* (*reietto*) or *u* as *w* (*guerra*)⁵⁰
e.g. *Che non t'in-cre-sce di mie pe-na ri-a* (11 syllables)⁵⁰

Word accents in Italian are relatively consistent with most words having an accent on the penultimate syllable. However, poetic verse accents are not as clear. Medieval writers did not mention the rules for verse accents in poetry, not because they were irrelevant or so obvious that no one thought to discuss them, but because of their sheer complexity.⁵¹ Abramov-van Rijk notes that, “modern literary theory stays clear of classical metric types, such as iambic, trochaic, dactylic, etc. when discussing Italian poetic verse.”⁵² The hendecasyllabic line does, however, exhibit the traits of iambic meter, an observation confirmed by Aldo Menichetti and Marina Nespor.⁵³ These traits are just that, however, as many of the accents are suppressed. We find as many examples that follow iambic metrical traits as those that do not.

Most of the poetic texts in this study, as well as the vast majority of the Trecento repertoire, contain hendecasyllable lines. According to Dante, this eleven-syllable line was the most popular and best suited to vernacular poetry.

Among all these the hendecasyllable is the superior, both because of the length of its rhythm and because of its capacity for thought, syntactical arrangement and words.⁵⁴

All Italian verse can have three forms, described here in terms of the hendecasyllable line. The first and most common form is *piano*, which has the *accento comune*⁵⁵ on the

⁵⁰ Robert Anthony Moreen, “Integration of Text Forms and Musical Forms in Verdi’s Early Operas,” (PhD diss. Princeton University, 1975): 10-12.

⁵¹ Aldo Menichetti, *Metrica Italiana: Fondamenti Metrici, Prosodia, Rima*. Padova: Antenore, 1993): 387, quoted in Abramov-van Rijk, 175.

⁵² Abramov-van Rijk. *Parlar Cantando*, 177.

⁵³ Menichetti, 94 and Marina Nespor, *Fonologia*, 298, quoted in Abramov-van Rijk, 176.

⁵⁴ Abramov-van Rijk, *Parlar Cantando*, 172.

⁵⁵ This accent is common to all line lengths

penultimate (tenth) syllable (e.g. *I'ò perduto l'alber e 'l timOne*). When a line ends with a word that has a final, accented syllable, that line is called *tronca*. This is still considered hendecasyllable even though the formal syllable count is only ten (e.g. *Se quella non misura con virTÙ*). Lastly, if the last word has an accent on the antepenultimate syllable, that hendecasyllable line is referred to as *sdrucciola*. Despite its formal syllable count being twelve, it is still considered hendecasyllable.⁵⁶ This is rare and does not appear in the texts of this study. *Settenario*, the seven-syllable line, is perhaps the second most common line of the Trecento lyric. It is subject to the same rules as the hendecasyllable, where there are *piano*, *tronco*, and *sdrucciolo* versions of *settenario* verse.

Determining the presence or absence of a caesura within the poetic line is also quite helpful when editing texts for a musical underlay. This can often inform you of the necessity of *sinalefe* or *dialefe*. The earliest description we have of the caesura as it relates to the hendecasyllable appears in Francesco Baratella's 1447 treatise, *Compendium particulare Artis Ritmandi in septem generibus dicendi*. Even though this postdates our period of study by nearly eighty years, its descriptions are useful for scanning the phrase.

Caesura, or the division of verse that is called pause, will be lovely and appropriate if it is made in the third syllable, as in: "Cum' impio è/ chi no sta cum peccatore!", in the fourth, as in: "Poco parlar/ è de collor ch'en sazi," in the fifth, as in: "El bon rectore è/ quel che i soi nutrica," in the sixth, as in: "Non ti dismentegar/ l'alto commando," in the seventh, as in: "Chi de l'amor divino/ pur se impiglia." After this, no caesura or division is made, except by those ignorant of art. But the fifth and seventh caesuras are the most harmonious in their gentleness.⁵⁷

⁵⁶ Abramov-van Rijk, *Parlar Cantando*, 173-4. Philologists use the term paroxitonic for *piano*, oxitonic for *tronco*, and proparoxitonic for *sdrucciolo*.

⁵⁷ Ibid., 169.

This last sentence refers to two specific genres of hendecasyllable, *a minore*, where the caesura falls after the fifth syllable, and *a maiore*, where it falls after the seventh.

Philologists debate the validity of the caesura and most agree that it is not obligatory in the Trecento lyric.⁵⁸ There are times, however, when knowledge of a caesura can help with the text underlay. The second line of the first *terzetto* of Niccolò da Perugia's *Nel meço* can easily be scanned with eleven syllables, but acknowledging the caesura after the fifth syllable obliges the performer to recognize the *dialefe* between -te / e. This leads to a much more natural cadence of the text with the rhythm, despite having twelve syllables. (See Table 3.1)

Table 3.1. Scansion of second line of Niccolò da Perugia's *Nel Meço*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
tra	l'o-	ri-	en-	te	e	l'oc-	ci-	den-	t'è	giun-	ta
♩	♩	♩	♩	♪	♪	♩	♪	♩	♪	♩	♩

The text underlay in the manuscript supports this reading as well. (See Figure 3.2)

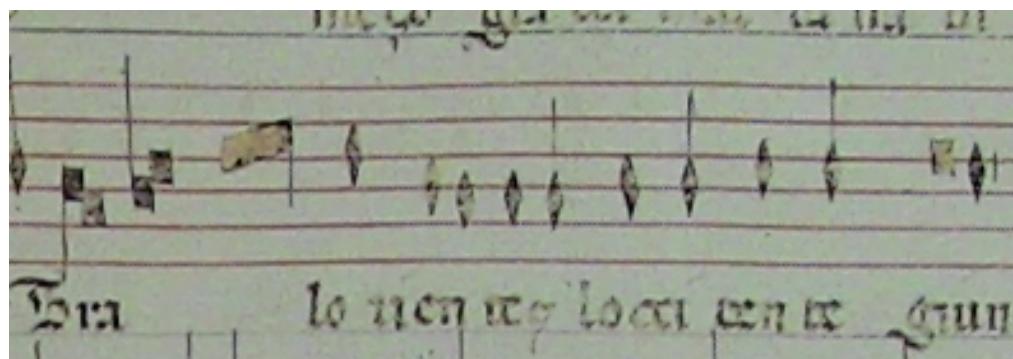


Figure 3.2. Detail of Niccolò da Perugia's, *Nel meço*, Sq f.82r, tenor

⁵⁸ Ibid., 180-81.

Often, the manuscript is not clear with regards to text underlay and the placement of a caesura is no help. In the first line of the *ritornello* of *I'ò perduto*, one must observe a *dialefe* between *no / isperança* in order to get a proper hendecasyllable line, but the underlay shown in *Sq* is unclear in the superius voice. Luckily it is laid out more clearly in the tenor voice, which can be used to underlay the superius. (See Figures 3.3-5)

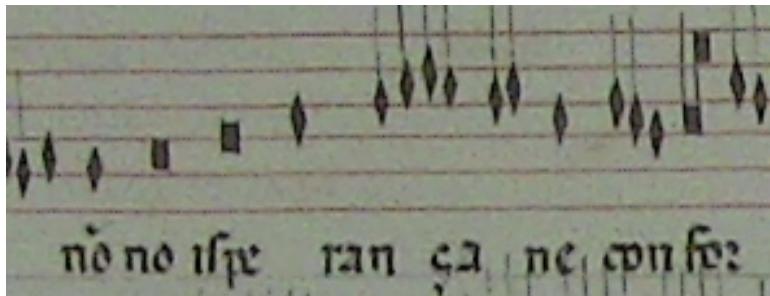


Figure 3.3. *I'ò perduto* superius excerpt, *Sq* f. 76-v

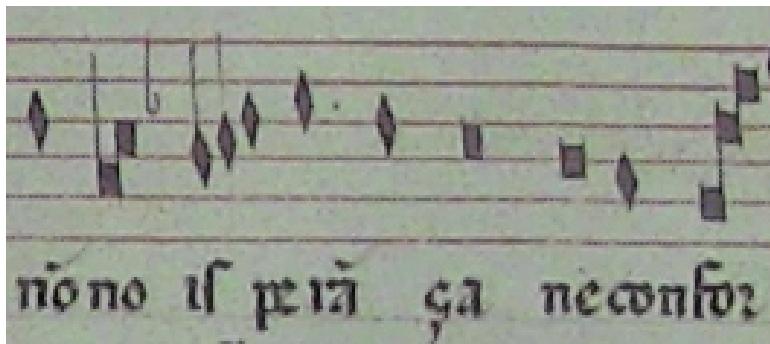


Figure 3.4. *I'ò perduto*, tenor excerpt, *Sq* f. 77r

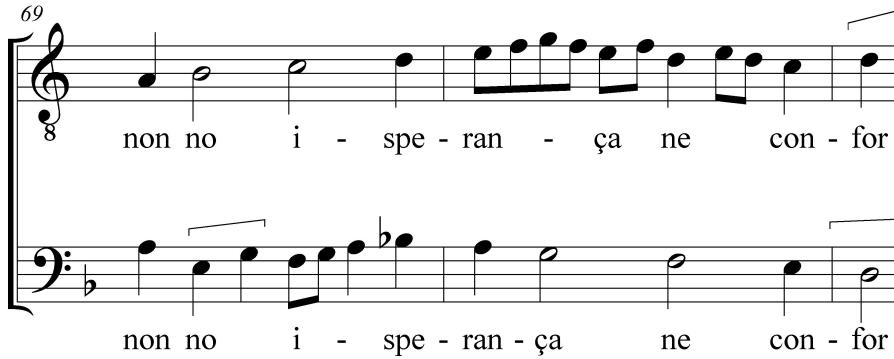


Figure 3.5. *I'ò perduto*, m. 69-70

A number of pieces in *Squarcialupi* are presented with incomplete texts, most often missing the second *piede* and *volta* of a ballata.⁵⁹ For some pieces, such as *I'vo bene*, it might be a matter of layout; the scribe simply had no space on the page for the additional text. Unfortunately that is the exception not the rule. Most of these pieces have plenty of space, often a blank staff or two below the last line of music. Since this study is focusing on pieces with specific text attributions, non-musical sources can be referred to for the remaining text, as has been done for *Sento d'amor*, *I'vo bene*, *De pon quest'amor*, *Non creder donna*, *Somma felicità*, *Donne e' fu*, and *Chi'l ben sofrir*. Most of the major poets, such as Petrarch, Boccaccio, and Sacchetti, have reliable modern transcriptions of their work. For the works of lesser-known poets, one must rely on collections such as Giuseppe Corsi's *Poesie Musicali del Trecento* and Giosuè Carducci's *Cantilene e Ballate Strambotti e Madrigali nel secoli XIII e XIV*.⁶⁰ Appendix C shows which modern sources were used for the text concordances.

⁵⁹ The double ballatas (*I'vo bene*, *De pon quest'amor*, *Non creder donna*, *Somma felicità*, and *Chi'l ben sofrir*) have a complete text for a single ballata, but the additional verses do not appear in the musical MS. I decided to record pieces with as complete a text as I could locate.

⁶⁰ Giuseppe Corsi, *Poesie Musicali del Trecento* (Bologna: Casa Carducci, 1970). Giusuè Carducci, *Cantilene e Ballate Strambotti e Madrigali nei Secoli XIII e XIV* (Bologna: Forni Editore, 1871).

SUBJECT MATTER

The subject matter, which had blossomed from mainly love poetry to include moral, religious, and political subjects, also began to contain an objective psychological realism.⁶¹ The stylistic roots of these poems lie firmly in the *dolce stil nuovo* tradition of the previous century, exemplified in the lyric poetry of Guido Cavalcanti and Dante Alighieri.⁶² Reflecting this heritage, unrequited love remains the largest subject, as Landini's *Per seguir la sperança* shows in the first line: "In order to follow the hope that kills me, / Woman, I am trying to keep my desire hidden." These lyrics, like the frescos of Giotto, continued to move away from the cold, supernatural allegories of earlier medieval writers, to a more realistic depiction of nature and humanity. Niccolò Soldanieri's *Un bel girfalco* and Rigo Belondi's *I' ò perduto* also focus on more earthly things with texts that are rich with vivid, realistic allegorical images. And perhaps as a reflection of the developing Florentine urban culture in which they were writing, the poems begin to use more caustic, visceral images like those of the woman's Janus-faced qualities in Niccolò's *Tal mi fa guerra*: "Always at war with me, she shows me only peace / Her mouth always thick with sweet honey; / and she slinks about with bitter gall."

⁶¹ Christopher Kleinhenz, "Dolce stil nuovo" in *Dictionary of Italian Literature*, rev. and expanded edition, ed. Peter Bondanella, Julia Conaway Bondanella and Jody Shiffman (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1996): 187.

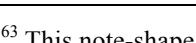
⁶² *Dolce stil nuovo* is a modern literary term appropriated from Dante's *Purgatorio* XXIV. For a concise but thorough explanation, see the introduction to Marc Cirigliano's *Guido Cavalcanti: The Complete Poems* (New York: Italica Press, 1992).

4. TRANSCRIPTIONS

As mentioned in the introduction, the transcriptions that follow are intended for performers. They aim to reflect the piece as it appears in the *Squarcialupi Codex* rather than a collation of sources, with exceptions noted in the critical apparatus. I have used the standard methods adopted by most musicologists for published critical editions. Each piece includes an incipit of the original notation. Division signs such as *.d.* and *.o.* are included in the score if they appear in the manuscript and surrounded by square brackets if they do not. Accidentals that appear in the manuscript are placed within the score; those that are suggested by the editor will appear above the note it affects. Square brackets above notes indicate the presence of a ligature in the original. Open and closed right angles above notes indicate coloration or void notation. Bar lines, repeat signs and measure numbers have been added for convenience.

REDUCTION OF NOTE VALUES

The most noticeable difference between these and other transcriptions of *Trecento* music is the reduction of note values. As argued above, I have chosen to represent the minim of each division as an eighth note, which means the breve could be a half note in *quaternaria*, a dotted half note in *senaria perfecta* and *imperfecta*, a “double-dotted” half note⁶³ in *novenaria*, a whole note in *octonaria*, and a dotted whole note in *duodenaria*. This is hardly innovative, as Kurt von Fischer and F. Alberto Gallo transcribed the Italian sacred music in *PMFC* volumes 12 and 13 in precisely this manner, though my time

⁶³ This note-shape  was used in the *PMFC* editions in order to represent a dotted half tied to a dotted quarter with a single note shape.

signatures differ slightly from von Fischer and Gallo. Instead of using $\frac{12}{8}$ to represent *duodenaria*, I chose to use $3 \times \frac{4}{8}$ which better represents the original minim groupings and facilitates performers thinking of the minims in three groups of four rather than the modern four groups of three (see Table 4.1). By having the minim in each division transcribed consistently as an eighth note, minim equivalence is much simpler to achieve when moving from one division to another. It does not, however, preclude a performer from choosing another proportion if they so choose.

Table 4.1. Time signatures assigned to divisions

Division	Time signature
<i>duodenaria</i>	$3 \times \frac{4}{8}$
<i>novenaria</i>	$3 \times \frac{3}{8}$
<i>octonaria</i>	$2 \times \frac{4}{8}$
<i>senaria perfecta</i>	$3 \times \frac{2}{8}$
<i>senaria imperfecta</i>	$2 \times \frac{3}{8}$
<i>quaternaria</i>	$2 \times \frac{2}{8}$

This reduction of note values is specifically intended to treat those compositions from the second generation of Trecento composers whose work suffers the most from the use of longanotation.⁶⁴

⁶⁴ Blachly, “Italian Ars Nova,” 209. The composers are grouped into generations based on the evolution of generas. First genera: Giovanni da Cascia, Jacopo da Bologna, Maestro Piero, Vincenzo da Rimini. Second genera: Francesco Landini, Niccolò da Perugia, Bartolino da Padova, Gherardello da Firenze, Donato da Firenze, Lorenzo da Firenze, Egidio, Guglielmo di Santo Spirito. Third Generation: Johannes Ciconia, Grazioso da Padova, Paolo Tenorista, Andrea da Florentia, Matteo da Perugia, Giovanni da Genoa, Giovanni da Cinconia, Antonello da Caserta, and others.

MUSICA FICTA

Discussions of *musica ficta* may be the most numerous of any single topic in the performance of early music. The term itself is not clear and used differently from one author to the next. Therefore, I will use the term *musica ficta* to refer to those altered pitches that do not appear in the original sources and I will only comment on the theoretical history enough to explain my editorial decisions.⁶⁵

Contemporary treatises agree that there are two reasons why *musica ficta* should be used, by *causa necessitatis* (for necessity) and those by *causa pulchritudinis* (for beauty), the former being those used to resolve *mi contra fa* prohibition in perfect intervals, the latter being those used to adjust an imperfect consonance when it moves to a perfect consonance at a cadence. Margaret Bent offers two primary rules for the application of *ficta* in the Introduction of *Counterpoint, Composition and Musica Ficta*, which help define *causa necessitatis* and *causa pulchritudinis*.

- 1) that notated unisons, fifths, and octaves, understood from the context to be those at points of arrival or resolution, are to be intervallically perfect; and
- 2) that such perfect intervals are to be correctly approached, with a semitone interval in one of the approaching parts (*fa-mi* or *mi-fa*)⁶⁶

The medieval definition of cadence (*cadentia*), which is not the same as the modern tonal definition implying closure, can help in determining *musica ficta* via *causa pulchritudinis*. Jacobus of Liège (c. 1260-1330), in Book Four of his *Speculum musice*, defines it thusly:

⁶⁵ For an excellent overview of the many current theories on the application of *musica ficta*, see Margaret Bent, “Introduction” in *Counterpoint, Composition, and Musica Ficta* (New York: Routledge, 2002): 1-59.

⁶⁶ Bent, *Counterpoint*, 32.

A cadence, insofar as it relates to the present argument, seems to mean a certain order or the natural inclination of a more imperfect concord to a more perfect one. For that which is imperfect is naturally inclined towards the perfect and to that which is better, just as weakness seeks the support of the strong. We therefore speak of “cadence” in consonances, when an imperfect concord strives to attain to the more perfect concord next to it, so that it may coincide with it and be joined to it.⁶⁷

These cadences do occur both at the ends of sections and pieces, and throughout a piece, sometimes in very “non-terminal” places. As to the actual application of the melodic and harmonic inflections,

Because the guidance for inflection given to us by theorists of the fourteenth century applied to dyadic pairs of voices, the decisions to inflect at cadences were made between the tenor and one other voice only. I did not make inflections based on the anachronistic “una nota super la semper est canendum fa’ (‘a note above *la* is always to be sung *fa*) as that phrase does not appear before Praetorius, *Syntagma musicum*, iii, in 1618. Many cadences in my transcriptions have been altered, particularly those near the ends of poetic phrases, but some have been left unaltered for purely aesthetic reasons.

TUNING

LIBER’s performance aims to use Pythagorean tuning, meaning we have pure octaves and fifths, wide major thirds, and wide whole tones. We also incorporate Marchetto’s ideas of altering the size of the semitone according to its position in the piece. In his *Lucidarium*, Marchetto explains that a whole tone is divided into five parts. Any one of these parts is called a “diesis.” The semitone consisting of two parts is called “enharmonic,” that of three parts, the “diatonic,” and the semitone consisting of four out

⁶⁷ Bent, *Counterpoint*, 14. Translation by Bent and Leofranc Holford-Strevens.

of five parts is called “chromatic.”⁶⁸ His discussion of *ficta* (which he calls *musica falsa*) centers on its use in “coloring” the cadence, a term he suggests over “false” music in the *Pomerium*. He states that the signs of \flat *square* and \natural *round* indicate a division of the tone into an enharmonic and diatonic semitone whereas the sign of *musica falsa* (\sharp) always divides a tone into a chromatic semitone and diesis.⁶⁹ Although it is impossible to derive exact ratios for these semitones, we attempted to make a difference between the chromatic and enharmonic semitones.

TEXT UNDERLAY

I began each transcription by underlaying each text exactly how it appears in the *Squarcialupi Codex*. With a few exceptions, this often produced satisfactory results for the first stanza set to the melody. Problems arise with the many pieces presented in *Sq* which have additional texts written under the music or in the *residuum*. This double underwriting, prevalent but inconsistent in *Sq*, can often times be misleading, and care must be taken when underlaying the second text.

Dante speaks of the importance of maintaining an equal number of syllables from one *piedi* to the next:

The feet necessarily receive from one another an equality and arrangement of verses and syllables, since in no other way could the repetition of the melody be made. I add that this same must be observed in the *versus* [pl.].⁷⁰

⁶⁸ Marchettus of Padua. *The Lucidarium of Marchetto of Padua: A Critical Edition, Translation, and Commentary*, ed. and trans. Jan Herlinger (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1985): 137-39.

⁶⁹ Renner, *Pomerium*, 53. For more on this see Pirrotta, “Marchettus de Padua,” 63 and Jan Herlinger, “Marchetto’s Influence: the Manuscript Evidence.” In *Music Theory and its Sources: Antiquity and the Middle Ages*, ed. by A. Barbera (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 1990): 241-44.

⁷⁰ Dante Alighieri, *Dante in hell: the De vulgari eloquentia: introduction, text, translation, commentary*, ed. and trans. Warman Welliver (Ravenna: Longo, 1981): 121.

Gidino da Sommacampagna makes a similar statement in his 1384 treatise on poetic recitation, *De li contrasti*.

As the first stanza is made, so must the other stanzas follow suit [. . .] All the subsequent stanzas should have the same number of verses and the same rhyme pattern as the first stanza.⁷¹

Fortunately, most of the second stanzas in this study adapt themselves quite easily to the music, most likely because the texts were written by accomplished poets. That is not to say there are not problems. The double underscored texts in the ballatas often mirrors the first, but as shown in Figures 4.1-2, this is not always the case. The positioning of the syllables in the second text of *Non so qual* seems to be haphazard, and the transcription must be adapted to achieve a satisfactory musical reading.

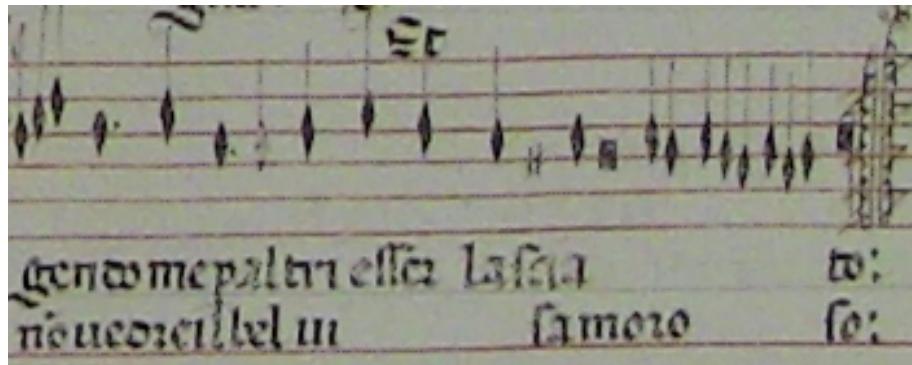


Figure 4.1. *Non so qual* excerpt, Sq f. 47



Figure 4.2. *Non so qual* modern transcription, m. 24-26.

⁷¹ Carlo Giulieri, ed., *De li Rithimi Volgari: Trattato di Gidino da Sommacampagna* (Bologna: Commissione per Testi di Lingua, 1968): 225, quoted in Abramov-van Rijk, 305.

There are also many places where the textual and musical line ends and the tenor line continues alone for two-three bars before starting the next line of text with an entrance from the superius. I often moved the tenor syllable earlier in these cases because I felt that the melodic information presented in the tenor's "solo" is new and therefore should begin a new line of verse (see Figures 4.3-4).

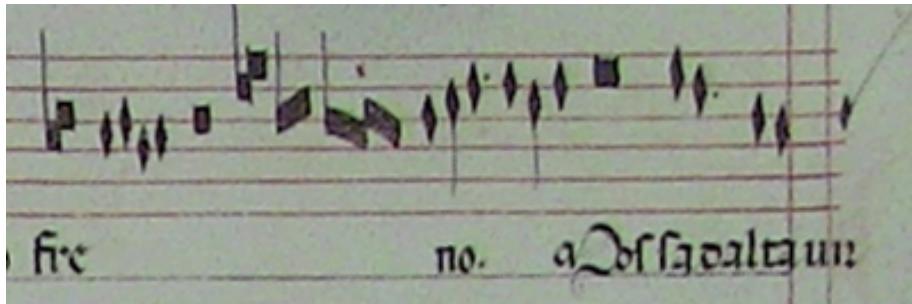


Figure 4.3. *O giustitia* tenor excerpt, *Squarcialupi* f. 85r



Figure 4.4. *O giustitia* excerpt, modern edition m. 18-20

Despite the text of the *Squarcialupi Codex* being carefully laid out there are still oddities beyond those already mentioned, such as spelling and word differences between the superius and tenor that can only be explained by scribal error. For the musical transcription I added diacritic marks and apostrophes in order to conform to modern Italian and increase legibility. I left many "Tuscanized" spellings, such as the use of the *ç* instead of the modern *z*, when there is no chance of mistaking their meaning or pronunciation.

5. CONCLUSION

As this study has demonstrated, performers of Trecento music will never have a “correct answer” when dealing with either the musical or the poetic texts, and our current modern transcriptions are unsatisfactory. As in all performance, we must rely on the musicality of the performer to bring the written music to life, more so with medieval music. I have attempted to use historical theory along with the experience gained from fifteen years of performing this repertoire to shed light on what have been some of the most daunting questions regarding this repertoire. I recognize that my views are shared by some and contested by others. That is the nature of performance. Regarding the equality of the minim throughout the divisions, I believe this only holds true for those “second generation” Trecento composers. The music of Don Paolo da Firenze, Johannes Ciconia, Matteo da Perugia, and other later Trecento composers should fall more under Prosdocimo’s rules of *proprio sesquitertia* when switching from *octonaria* to *senaria* and *duodenaria* to *novenaria*. The later composers, along with Prosdocimo, were looking back to the older Italian notation of Marchetto and attempting to regain the range of subtlety available in that system which was not possible in the French system of equal minims. With earlier composers such as Jacopo da Bologna, I believe the Marchettan system of semibreve equivalence is more appropriate, but none of these rules should be thought of as unbreakable.

I admit that my first thought regarding the texts was to collect as many versions as possible and come up with a single, authoritative text. This idea was shattered very quickly with the sheer number of variants from source to source, and determining the

nature of each variant would be a futile task. In a conversation with Dr. H. Wayne Storey early on in the project, he said a critical edition would be a hollow exercise and that “Variance is key in performance and in these traditions.” When I suggested presenting the text as it appears in multiple sources, he said “I think your multiple transcriptions are such a major step forward that that's a good place to be for now . . .” I am grateful for his advice. Since the study of these poems has heretofore been relegated to the fringe of literary study, I hope that the presentation of these texts can be of some use to the further study of musico-poetical relationships in this repertoire.

APPENDIX A: MUSICAL SETTINGS OF POEMS IN THE *SQUARCIALUPI CODEX* WITH AUTHOR ATTRIBUTIONS IN NON-MUSICAL SOURCES

Poet/Poem	Composer	Poetic MS ⁷²	Sq folio
Cino Rinuccini			
4. <i>Con gli occhi assai ne miro</i>	Francesco Landini	BNCF Pal. 204; Ricc. 1118; Chigi M.VII. 142; Vat. lat. 3213; Patteta 352; Paris 554; FL XC Inf. 37	157v
Francesco Landini			
5. <i>De pon quest' amor giu</i>	Francesco Landini	Magl. VII 1041; Chigi L.IV.131	144r
7. <i>Per seguir la sperança</i>	Francesco Landini	Magl. VII 1041; BNCF Conv. Sopp. C.I.1746	166r
Franco Sacchetti			
12. <i>Chi 'l ben sofrir</i>	Niccolò da Perugia	Ash. 574; Redi 184; Chigi L.VIII.300	88v-89r
13. <i>Nel meço già del mar la navicella</i>	Niccolò da Perugia	Ash. 574; BNCF Pal. 315; Chigi L.VIII.300	81v-82r
6. <i>Non creder donna che nessuno sia</i>	Francesco Landini	Ash. 574; FL XC. Inf. 37; Magl. VII 1040; BNCF Pal. 204; Ricc. 1118; Chigi L.VIII.300; Chigi M.VII.142; Vat. lat. 3213	136v
16. <i>Povero pellgrin salito al monte</i>	Niccolò da Perugia	Ash. 574; FL XC. Inf. 37; FL XL 43; BNCF Pal. 204; Ricc. 1118; Parmense 1081; Chigi L.VIII.300; Chigi	84r

⁷² Jennings, “Tracing Voices,” 343-353.

<i>8. Somma felicità sommo tesoro</i>	Francesco Landini	M.VII.142; Patetta 352; Vat. lat. 3213; Paris 554	FL XL.43; Parmense 1081	127v
Giovanni Boccaccio				
<i>9. Non so qual' i' mi voglia</i>	Lorenzo da Firenze	Magl. VII 1040; Chigi L.IV.131; Bologna 177.3	47r	
<i>15. O giustitia regina</i>	Niccolò da Perugia	FL XL. 43; Parmense 1081	77v-78r	
Gregorio Calonista di Firenze				
<i>10. Sento d'amor la fiamma</i>	Lorenzo da Firenze	Ricc. 1100	50r	
Niccolò da Perugia				
<i>17. Tal mi fa guerra che mi mostra pace</i>	Niccolò da Perugia	Parmense 1081	91r	
Niccolò Soldanieri				
<i>11. Ben di fortuna</i>	Niccolò da Perugia	Redi 184; Ricc. 1100	89v	
<i>3. I' vo bene a chi col bene a me</i>	Gherardello da Firenze	Redi 184; Trivulziana 193; Chigi L.IV.131; Bologna 48	29r	
<i>2. Un bel girsalco scese alle mie grida</i>	Donato da Firenze	Redi 184; Trivulziana 193	71v-72r	
Righo Belondi				
<i>1. I' ò perduto l'albero</i>	Donato da Firenze	Ash. 569	76v-77r	
Stefano di Cino⁷³				
<i>14. Non dispregiar virtù</i>	Niccolò da Perugia	Redi 184; FL XL.43; Parmense 1081; Barb. lat. 3695	127v	

⁷³ Of controversial attribution: The non-musical codex Prm¹, fol. 92r, attributes it to Sacchetti. Parmense 1081 attributes the text to Nicolo del proposto (Niccolò da Perugia).

APPENDIX B: LITERARY MANUSCRIPT SOURCES WITH ABBREVIATIONS⁷⁴

Alphabetical by Library

Library	Abbreviation
Bologna, Biblioteca Universitaria, 1072 XI 9	Bologna 1072
Bologna, Biblioteca Universitaria, 177.3	Bologna 177.3
Cape Town, South African Library, Grey 7 b 5	Grey 7 b 5
Florence, Biblioteca Marucelliana, C.155	Marucelliana C.155
Florence, Biblioteca Medicea-Laurenziana, Ashburnham 569	Ash. 569
Florence, Biblioteca Medicea-Laurenziana, Ashburnham 574	Ash. 574
Florence, Biblioteca Medicea-Laurenziana, Palatino 105	FL Pal. 105
Florence, Biblioteca Medicea-Laurenziana, Rediano 184	Redi 184
Florence, Biblioteca Medicea-Laurenziana, XC. Inf. 37	FL XC. Inf. 37
Florence, Biblioteca Medicea-Laurenziana, XL. 43	FL XL.43
Florence, Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, II .II .61 (previously Magliabechiano XIII 44)	BNCF II.II.61
Florence, Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, Magliabechiano VII 640	Magl. VII 640
Florence, Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, Magliabechiano VII 1040	Magl. VII 1040
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Florence, Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, Magliabechiano VII 1187	Magl. VII 1187
Florence, Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, Palatino 204	BNCF Pal. 204
Florence, Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, Palatino 288	BNCF Pal. 288
Florence, Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, Palatino 315	BNCF Pal. 315
Florence, Biblioteca Riccardiana, 1100	Ricc. 1100
Florence, Biblioteca Riccardiana, 1118	Ricc. 1118

⁷⁴ Abbreviations from Jennings, “Tracing Voices,” xi-xiii.

Florence, Biblioteca Riccardiana, 1280	Ricc. 1280
Florence, Biblioteca Riccardiana, 278611	Ricc. 278611
Genova, Biblioteca Universitaria, A.IX. 28	Genova A.IX.28
Lucca, Archivio di Stato, 107	Lucca 107
Lucca, Archivio di Stato, 266	Lucca 266
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APPENDIX C: TEXTS AND TRANSLATIONS

1. Carducci, *Cantilene e Ballate Strambotti e Madrigali nei Secoli XIII e XIV*.
2. Corsi, *Poesie Musicali del Trecento*.
3. Corsi, *Rimatori del Trecento*.
4. Franco Sacchetti, *Il Libro delle Rime*.
5. Sapegno, Natalino. *Poeti Minori del Trecento*.
6. Cappelli, Antonio. *Poesie musicali dei secoli XIV, XV e XVI, tratte da vari codici per cura di Antonio Cappelli, con un saggio della musica dei tre secoli*.
7. Bonaventura, Arnaldo. *Il Boccaccio e la musica*.

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1. I'ò perduto	3	I'ò perduto (2²)	Righo (Arrigo) Belondi
I'ò perduto l'alber e 'l timone;	I' ho perduto l'albero e 'l timone;	I'ò perduto l'alber' e'l timone.	I have lost the mast and the rudder;
Son rott' i remi e canapi dell'orça	Son rotti i remi e' canapi de l'orza	Son rott'i remi et canapi dell'orça,	The oars and bowlines are broken,
Et vivo dispettos' alla mie forçā.	E vivo dispetto a la mie forza.	Et vivo dispecto sulla mie forçā	And I live in spite of myself.
Con l'onde tempestose fra scigli,	Con l'onde tempestose e fra gli scogli	Con l'onde tempestos'e fra gli scogli,	Among violent waves and between rocks, [and]
Venti contrari i vorre' gire in fondo	Venti contrari, i vorre' gire in fondo	Venti contrari, i vorre' gire i' fondo	Headwinds, I would like to sink deep to the bottom
Per tormi via da questo cieco mondo.	Per tōrmi via da questo cieco mondo.	Per tormi via da questo cieco mondo.	To leave this blind world.
Et non ho sperançā né conforto	Et non ho isperanza né conforto	Et non no isperançā né conforto.	And I have no hope nor consolation
D'avver bonaccia o ma' riaver porto.	D'avver bonaccia o ma' riaver porto.	D'avver bonaccia o mai riaver porto.	To be becalmed or ever regain harbor.
2. Un bel girfalco	3	Un bel girfalco (2²)	Niccolò Soldanieri

Un bel girfalco sces' alle mie grida.	Un bel girfalco scese a le mie grida:	Un bel girfalco sces' alle mie grida.	A beautiful falcon came down at my call.
Dell'aria 'n bracci' appiombo giù me venne,	De l'aria in braccio a piombo giù mi venne	Dell'aria i' braccio appiombo giù mi venne	From the air he swooped down to my arm
Com'amor volle 'l desio di suo penne.	Com'Amor volle e 'l destro di sue penne.	Com'amor volle e'l disio di suo penne.	with love he longed for the flight of his own feathers.
In piè gli misi e fact' ò ch'ebbe gorda, Alçò più assai che non fu la caduta, Onde giuocando il perdé di veduta.	In piè gli misi e, fatto ch'ebbe gorga, Alzò più assai che non fu la caduta, Onde giuocando il perde' di veduta:	In piè gli misi e, facto ch'ebbe gorga, Alçò più assay che non fu ia caduta, Onde giuocando il perde di veduta.	I made him stand and had him drink He flew up much more than he dove, and in his play I lost sight of him.
Et che ritorni non mi dice 'l core,	E che ritorni non mi dice il core,	Et che ritorni non mi dice'l core,	My heart doesn't feel as if he's coming back,
Che credo che se 'l tengh' altro signore.	Ché credo che se 'l tenga altro signore.	Che credo che se 'l teng'altro signore.	For I believe that another master is keeping him.
3. I' vo' bene	1, 3	I' vo' bene (1¹)	Niccolò Soldanieri
I' vo' bene a chi vol bene a me,	Io vo' [I'vogio] bene a chi vuol bene a me,	I' vo' bene a chi vol bene an me,	I love the one who loves me
Et non amo chi ama proprio sè.	E non amo chi ama proprio sè.	Et non amo chi ama proprio sè.	And I love not the one who loves only herself.
Non son colui che per pigliar la luna,	Non son colui che per pigliar la luna,	Non son colui che per pigliar la luna,	I am not like those who chase the moon,
Consum'al tempo suo e nulla n'à.	Consuma il tempo suo e nulla n' a.	Consum'al tempo suo e nulla n'à.	burning time and winding up with nothing.
Ma, se m'avien com'or m'incontr'ad una,	Ma, se m'avvien c'amor [ch'amor] m'incontri d'una	Ma se m'avien com'oir mi contr'a d'una	But if it happens, like now, that I meet a girl
Che mi si togla i' dico, "E tu ti sta!"	Che mi si vogla, dico: E tu ti sta - ;	Che mi si tolga i' dico, E tu tt sta!	who turns me down, I say 'You're on your own'
Se mi fa "Lima, lima," et io a lei "Dà, dà,"	Se mi fa: lima, lima, e io a lei dà, dà.		If she says 'Take it, take it', to her I say 'Give me, give me'!
Et così vivo in questa pura fè,	E così vivo in questa pura fe',		Thus I live by this simple belief:
Com' altri in me, così mi sto in altrui,	Com' altri in me, così mi sto in altrui,		as others are to me, thus I am to them;
Di quel ch'i' posso a chi mi dona do.	Di quel ch'i' posso a chi mi dona do.		I give what I can to those who give to me.
Niuno può dir di me vedi colui,	Niuno può dir di me: vedi colui,		No one can say about me: look, there is the one

Che con duo lingue dice, "si e no."	Che con duo lingue dice, si e no.		who speaks with two tongues: yes and no.
Ma fermo a chi sta fermo sempre sto,	Ma fermo a chi sta fermo sempre sto;		Instead I always stand firm with those who stand firm with me.
S'io l'o al bisogno mio, me à a sè.	S'io l'ho al bisogno mio, me à a sè.		If they serve my needs, they have me to serve theirs.
4. Con gli occhi assai ne miro.	3	Con gli ochi assai (2²)	Cino Rinuccini
Cholgli occhi assay ne miro.	I. - Con gli occhi assai ne miro,	Con gli ochi assai ne miro,	With my eyes I glance at many,
Ma sol' una nel core ne tiene Amore.	Ma solo una nel core	Ma ssol' una nel core ne tiene amore	but Love holds only one in my heart
Per chu sempre sospiro.	Ne tiene, Amor, per cui sempre sospiro.	Per chu sempre sospiro	for whom I pine always.
Questo fo per ischudo	II. - Questo fo per iscudo.	Questo fo per iscudo	This I do to shield myself
Et per me ricoprire	E per me' ricoprire	Et per me' ricoprire	and to protect myself
Et morta' colpi che sentir mi fay.	I mortal colpi che sentir mi fai.	I mortal colpi che sentir mi fay.	From the mortal blows you make me suffer.
Et tu[,] sempre più crudo,	E tu, sempre piú crudo.	Et tu sempre più crudo,	And you, ever crueler,
Tien freddo 'l tuo disire	Tien' freddo il suo disire	Tien e fredo 'l suo disire	cool your desire
E fami traditor, né ciò fu' may.	E fa'mi traditor, né ciò fu mai.	E fa'mi traditor, né ccio fu mai.	and make me a traitor, which I never was before.
Dunque, singnor. che 'l sai.	Dunque, signor, che 'l sai,	Dunque, signor, che 'l sai.	Therefore, you who know it, my Lord.
Scuopri le 'l mio dolore	Scuoprike il mio dolore	Scuoprike el mio dolore.	disclose my sorrow to her.
E dille: e' muore sança colpa in martiro.	E dille: – E' muore sanza colpa in martiro. –	E dille: e' more sança colpa in martiro.	and tell her: "He's dying, guiltless, in torment."
5. Dè! pon quest' amor giu!	3, 2	Dè pon quest'amor (2²)	Francesco Landini ⁵
Dè! pon quest' amor giù:	I. - Deh, pon quest'amor giú! [giù]	Dè, pon quest'amor giu!	- Come, put this love aside!
Dich' a te, mente stolta:	Dico a te, mente stolta.	Dic' a tte, mente stolta,	I speak to you, foolish mind,
Dove ti se' tu involta?	Dove ti se' tu involta?	Dove tti se ttu in volta?	Where have you turned?
Troppò col tuo pensier raguard' in su.	Troppò col tuo pensier raguardi 'n sù. [su]	Troppò col tuo pensier raguard' in su.	Your thoughts wonder too much above your station.
Come se' tanto folle,	- Come se' tanto folle	Come se' tanto folle	How foolish can you be
Mirar sì alta cosa	Mirar sí [sí] alta cosa	Mirar sí alta cosa	to aim for such a lofty thing
E non misuri te?	E non misuri te? -	et non misuri te?	while not gauging yourself?

Perché quest' amor volle,	- Perché questo Amor volle	Perché quest' amor volle	- This is what Love wanted
Quando sì gratiosa	Quando sí [si] graziosa	Quando sì gratiosa	when such a pretty
Donna veder mi fé.	Donna veder mi fe'. -	Donna veder mi fe'.	woman he showed me.
- Di lei degno non se';	- Di lei degna non se',	Di lei degno non se';	- You are unworthy of her;
Né a lei degno pare:	Né a lei degno pare	Né a llei degno pare	nor does she think it right
Che tu la deggi amare.	Che tu la deggi amare.	Che tu la deggi amare.	that you should love her.
Leva, dunque el disio; non amar più. -	Leva, dunque, 'l disio; non l'amar piú. - [più]	Leva dunque el pensier non amar piu!	Set aside your desire; love her no more.
Levar non potrei maj	- Levar non potrei mai		- I never could tear
Il mio amor da lei,	L'amor mio amor da costei,		my love from her.
Tanto legato m'a.	Tanto legata m'ha. -		so much [Love] bound me to her.
Et tu sempre staraj	- E tu sempre starai		- Then, alas, you shall always be
Con pena e dolglie, o mei!	In pene e degli [de gli] omei		in pain, and she will care not at all about your sorrow.
Tuo non si curerà	Tuoi [tuo] non si curerà. -		
Cierto nessun lo sa,	- Certo nessun lo sa		- Certainly nobody knows
Donna di gran valore,	Donna di gran valore		[that] an excellent woman
A picciol servidore	Ch'a un picciol servidore		did show any mercy to an unimportant servant in his sorrow.
Per sofferença già benigna fu.	Per sofferenza già benigna fu. -		
A questa, chu' non cale	- A questa, cu' non cale		To this lady, who could not care less
Di questa ballatetta,	Di questa ballatetta,		for this little ballad,
Con riverença di'	Con riverenza di'		say respectfully,
Che sa' ben che nol vale;	Che sa ben che nol vale;		that you know full well that he's unworthy;
Ma fuggir la saetta	Ma fuggir la saetta		but he cannot escape the dart
Non può, la qual senti.	Non può, la qual sentí [sentí]		that he felt
E' si forte'l feri,	E sí [si] forte ferí		and that wounded him so badly
Che chura pocha pacie.	Che cura poca pace.		that he cares little for peace.
Se tal servo li spiacie,	Se tal servo li spiace,		If such a servant fails to please her
Amor lo scusa e la sua gran virtù.	Amor lo scusa e la sua gran virtú. - [virtù]		Love, and its great virtue, forgives him.

6. Non creder, donna, che nessuna sia	4, 1	Non creder, donna (2²)	Franco Sacchetti
Non creder, donna, che nessuna sia	Non creder, donna, che nessuna sia	Non creder, donna, che nessuna sia	My lady, do not believe that any other woman
Donna di me, se non tu, donna mia.	Donna di me, se non tu, donna mia.	Donna di me, se tu ⁷⁵ non tu donna mia.	rules over me apart from you, my lady.
Così potess' i' dimostrarti 'l core,	Così potess'io dimostrarti il core,	Così potess'i dimostrarti'l core	I wish I were able to show you my heart
Dove la mente in te ogn'or si posa,	Là dove ognor la mente in te si posa,	Dove la mente in te ognor si posa;	where my mind dwells all the time on you;
Chè ben vedresti in esso stare Amore	Ché ben vedresti in esso stare Amore	Ché ben vedresti in esso stare amore	for you would see clearly that Love resides in it,
E la tua vista bella et amorosa,	E la tua vista bella ed amorosa,	et la tuo vista bella et amorosa;	along with your beautiful and love-inspiring image;
A chui servir non è l'alma nascosa	A cui servir non è l'alma nascosa,	A chui servir non è l'alma angosciosa	which my soul openly serves,
Che te servendo pur servir disia.	Che te servendo pur servir dysia.	che tie servendo pur servir dysia.	and serving you it still desires to serve you more.
Di questo, lasso! non posso far prova;	Di questo, lasso, non posso far prova.		Of all this, alas! I cannot deliver proof;
Però, donna, deh[!] prova la mia fede;	Però, donna, deh, prova la mia fede;		yet, my lady, go ahead, test my devotion.
E, se per mio effetto altro si trova,	E se per mio effetto altro si trova,		and, should you find it other than I plead,
Non poss'io mai trovar da te mercede	Non poss'io mai trovar da te merzede:		may I never find mercy in you;
Ch'i' t'ho amato et amo, et amar crede	Ch'i' t'ho amato ed amo, ed amar crede		For I have loved you and love you; and to love you always
Te sempre il cor, che fu tuo sempre e fia.	Te sempre il cor, che fu tuo sempre, e fia.		my heart is sure; it always did and shall ever belong to you.
Canzon, sì come se' del mio amor certa,	Canzon, sì come se' del mio cor certa,		O song, as you are certain of my heart.
Così costei fa certa col tuo dire;	Così costei fa certa col tuo dire;		so make her also certain with your words;

⁷⁵ Crossed out in MS

E, se mostrato t'ho la mente aperta. Aperto mostra a lei il mio disire; Si che amando il ver possa sentire, Ch'altra non amo nè amar porria.	E se mostrato t'ho la mente aperta, Aperto mostra a lei il mio disire, Sì, che, amando il ver possa sentire, Ch'altra non amo né amar porria.		and if I have opened my mind to you, show my desire openly to her, so that through love she may feel the truth: that I do not love anybody else, nor could I ever.
7. Per seguir la sperança	2	Per seguir la sperança (3³)	Francesco Landini
Per seguir la sperança che m'ancide, Donna, vo cercand'io Di celato tener el mie disio. Ne vogliate, cagion di tanta pena, El mie grieve tormento discovrire. Pero che la ragion pur mi raffrena, Dond'io disposto son così morire. Ma ben ti priego, amor, de! Non soffrire, Ch'i' pera in tale oblio, Falle palese, tu, il voler mio.	Per seguir la speranza, che m'ancide Donna, vo cercand'io Di celato tenere 'l mio disio. Né voglio a te, cagion di tanta pena, El mio greve tormento discovrire, Però che la ragion pur mi raffrena: Ond'io disposto son così morire. Ma ben ti prego, Amor, deh, non soffrire Ch'i' pera in tanto oblio: Falle palese tu el voler mio.	Per seguir la sperança, che m'ancide, Donna, vo cercand'io Di celato tener el mie disio. Ne vogliate cagion di tanta pena, Questo greve tormento discovrire, Però che lla ragion pur mi raffrena, Onde disposto son così morire. Ma ben ti pregho, amor, de, non soffrire. Ch'i' pera in tanto oblio Falle palese tu el voler mio.	In order to follow the hope that kills me, Woman, I am trying To keep my desire hidden. Do not wish, cause for such pain, My grievous torment to discover. Given that even reason restrains me, Thus I am ready to die like this. But I truly beg you, Love, come on! Don't [let me] suffer. Make my wish clear to her That I should die in this oblivion.
8. Somma felicità	2, 4, 6	Somma felicità (2²)	Franco Sacchetti
Somma felicità, sommo tesoro A chi la gratia tuo, donna, possiede Ama colui che'l tuo amor brama et chiede. Per te è la 'nfiamma nel mio cor accesa, Che mi consuma ond'io a morte vegno, M'induce a disiar quel ch'io non degno. Ma il servo tu, che se' fontana e lume	Somma felicità, sommo tesoro Ha chi la grazia tuo, donna, possiede: Ama colui che 'l tuo amor brama e chiede. Per te la fiamma nel mio cor accesa, Che mi consuma ond'io a morte vegno, M'induce a disiar quel ch'io non degno. Ma 'l servo tuo, che [cui] se' fontana	Somma felicità, sommo tesoro Ac chi lla gratia tuo, donna, possiede; Ama colui che 'l tuo amor brama e chiede. Per te è la 'nfiamma nel mio cor accesa, Che mi consuma ond'io a morte vegno; M'induce a disiar quel ch'io non degno.	Supreme happiness, supreme treasure belongs to whoever possesses your favor, Lady: Love he who longs and asks for your love. For you the flame in my heart is kindled, which consumes me until I pass into death; it leads me to desire that of which I am unworthy. But your servant, you who are spring

	e lume		and light
D'ogni virtù, fra l'altr' onore e pregio,	D'ogni virtù, fra l'altre onore e pregio,		of all virtues, among which are honor and regard,
L'alma benigna tua non l'abbia a sdegno.	L'alma benigna tuo non l'abbia in spregio.		may your benign soul not despise
Trallo del foco omai, che più non arda,	Trallo del foco [di fuoco,] omai, che più non arda,	Trallo del foco omai, che più non arda,	Remove it from the fire at this point, may it not burn anymore,
Che dopo morte aiutar l'or'è tarda.	Ché dop[p]o morte aitar è l'ora tarda.	Ché dopo morte aiutar l'or' e tarda.	for help after death is help too late.
9. Non so qual'	1, 9	Non so qual i mi voglia (1¹)	Giovanni Boccaccio
Non so qual' i' mi voglia:	Non so qual io mi voglia,	Non so qual i mi voglia:	I don't know what I wish for:
O viver o morir per minor doglia.	O viver[e] o morir, per minor doglia.	O viver o morir, per minor doglia.	to live or to die to suffer less.
Morir vorei ch'el viver m'è gravoso,	Morir vorrei, chè 'l viver m' è gravoso	Morir vorre chè'l viver m'è gravoso,	I would long for death, for living is a burden,
Vegendome per altri esser lasciato.	Veggendomi per altri esser lasciato;	Vegendome per altri esser lasciato,	when I see myself left by another,
Et morir non vorrei ché trapassato,	E morir non vorrei, chè trapassato	Et morir non vorre, che trapassato	and I wouldn't want to die, for in death
Più non vedrei il bel vis amoroſo,	Più non vedrei il bel viso amoroſo;	Più non vedere' il bel vis' amoroſo,	I would no longer see that beautiful loving face,
Per chui piangho in vidioso	Per cui piango, invidioso	Per chui piangho invidioso	for which I cry in envy
Di chi l'ha fatto suo et mene spoglia.	Di chi l'ha fatto suo e me ne spoglia.	Di chi l'a fatto suo et me ne spoglia.	of the one who made it his and takes it from me.
10. Sento d'amor	1	Sento d'amor la fiamma (1¹)	Gregorio Calonista di Firenze
Sento d'amor la fiamma e'l gran podere,	Sento d'amor la fiamma e 'l gran podere,	Sento d'amor la fiamma e'l gran podere.	I feel love's flame and great power.
Et vegio che temere	E veggio che temere	Et vegio che temere	And I see that fear
Non si convien chi vuol vincer la prova.	Non si convien chi vuol vincer la prova.	Non si convien chi vuol vincer la prova.	Does not suit he who wants to win the trial.
Ma se fiereça in questa ogn'or si trova,	Ma se fiereza in questa ogn'or si trova,	Ma se fiereça in questa ogn'or si trova,	But if fierceness is forever at the heart of the game,
De[!] che faró?	Dè che faró?	Dè che faró?	for pity's sake what will I do?
I' te 'l dirò,	I' te 'l dirò	I' te 'l dirò.	I will tell you:

Perseverando vincerò la guerra.	Perserverando vincerò la guerra.	Perseverando vincerò la guerra.	Persevering I will win the war.
Non fu d'amor già mai donna si nova,	Non fu d'amor già mai donna sì nova,		Never was there a woman too new to love,
Che, s'i' vorro	Che, s' i' vorrò		that, if I will want it and follow through,
E seguirò,	E seguirò		
Con suo' potenz'Amor nolla disserra.	Con suo' potenza Amor nolla disserra.		with its power, Love will unlock her.
Non sia però l'ardir contra 'l dovere.	Non sia però l' ardir contra 'l dovere:		Thus let not boldness be against duty.
Anzi si vuol calere	Anzi si vuol calere		Rather one should be sure
Che sdegno di pietà nolla remova.	Che sdegno di pietà nolla rimova.		That her disdain for compassion doesn't drive her away.
11. Ben di fortuna	1	Ben di fortuna (2²)	Niccolò Soldanieri
Ben di fortuna non fa ricch' altrui;	Ben di fortuna non fa ricco altrui;	Ben di fortuna non fa ricch' altruy;	Fortune's riches do not make men rich;
Che par che chi più aver del suo si prova,	Chè par che chi più aver del suo si prova	Chè par che chi più aver del suo si prova,	for it seems that the more one tries to have for himself
Più gnudo di virtù ogn'or si trova.	Più nudo di virtù ogn'or si trova.	Più gnudo di virtù ogn'or si trova.	the more stripped of virtue he finds himself.
Tengasi gli occhi alle cose celeste	Tengasi gli occhi alle cose celeste	Tengasi gli ochi alle cose celeste	Keep your eyes focused on celestial matters
E' piedi alle riccheçce fuggitive.	E' piedi alle ricchezze fuggitive.	E' piedi alle richeçce fuggitive.	and your feet on fleeting riches.
Bea[to] chi quà giù del ciel si veste,	Beato chi quà giù del ciel si veste,	Bea chi quà giù del ciel si veste,	Blessed be he who down here wears the heavenly,
E guai a chi per far pecunia vive!	E guai a chi per far pecunia vive!	E guai a chi per far pecunia vine!	and heaven help the soul who lives for money!
Virtù non òr fa riccho e ciò si scrive	Virtù non òr fa ricco; e ciò si scrive	Virtù non oro fa riccho e cciò si scrive,	Virtue, not gold, makes a man rich; and this is written,
Per ch'egli è fermo ben ma di colui	Perch' egli è fermo ben: ma di colui	Perch'egli è fermo bene ma di coluy	for it is the one true thing of value, but of the one
Tesor può dir doman; non son ma fui.	Tesor può dir doman – Non son, ma fui.	Tesor può dir doman: non son ma ffuy.	who can say 'treasure' tomorrow: I am no longer but I once was.
12. Chi 'l ben sofrir non pò	4, 1	Chi ben sofrir (2²)	Franco Sacchetti

Chi 'l ben sofrir non pò Se trova 'l mal, ragion è che 'l sia so.	Chi 'l ben sofrir [soffrir] non pò, [può] Se trova il mal, ragion è ch'el sia so.	Chi ben sofrir non po, Se trova mal ragion è ch'el sie so .	He who can't stand goodness, reason would have it that evil be his who finds it.
Pensa dè ciaschedun ch'al mondo sta	Pensar dé' [de'] ciaschedun ch'al mondo sta,	Pensar dé ciaschedun c'al mondo sta	Each one of us in this world must consider
Che può venir quel ch'é e che già fu.	Che può venir, quel ch'è e che già fu,	Che può venir, quel chè e che già fu.	that what has been and is may still happen.
Et non seguir ciò che suo voglia da	E non seguir ciò che sua voglia dà,	Et non seguir ciò che suo volgia da	But what one wants may never come to pass
Se quella non misura chon virtù.	Se quella non misura con virtù:	Se quella non misura con virtù.	unless one squares one's wishes with virtue.
Che l'uom che chade giù Per ignorança mal si schusa po'.	Ché l'uom che cade giù Per ignoranza, mal si scusa po'.	Che l'uom che cade giù Per ingnorança mal si scusa po'.	The man who falls out of ignorance can hardly find excuses.
S'alcun per suo mal far dal ben partè.	S'alcun per suo mal fare [far] dal ben partì,		If one through bad deeds strayed away from virtue
Non si dolga d'altrui se non di sè.	Non si dolga d'altrui se non di sé;		he should not blame anyone but himself;
Che spesse volte tal lamentasi Della fortuna, e esso il mal si fè.	Ché spesse volte tal lamentasì De la [della] fortuna, e [et] esso il mal si fe'.		for often those who complain about bad luck are the authors of their own misfortune.
Faccia l'uom ciò ch'el dè, Che le più volte se ne vede prò.	Faccia l'uom ciò ch'el dé', [de'] Ché [chè] le più volte se ne vede pro'.		May man do what he must. for it often turns to one's own advantage.
13. Nel meço già del mar la navicella	4, 1	Nel meço già del mar (2²)	Franco Sacchetti
Nel meço già del mar la navicella	Nel mezzo già del mar la navicella	Nel meço già del mar la navicella	On the high seas the little ship
Tra l'oriente e l'occident'è giunta	Tra l'oriente e l'occidente è giunta,	Tra l'oriente e l'occident'è giunta,	has reached a point between east and west,
Che mi men' a ferire scura punta,	Che mi mena a fedir in scura punta.	Che mi men'a ferire i scura punta,	that leads me toward the dark point of harm,
Col vento tempestoso e quella stella,	Col vento tempestoso e quella stella	Col vento tempestoso e quella stella	in a tempestuous wind and under that star
La qual fedel mi fece, che più forte,	La qual fedel mi fece, che più forte	La qual fedel mi fece, che più forte,	that made me her faithful servant,

Afretta sua giornat' alla sua morte.	Afretta sua giornata, e [è] la mia morte.	Affretta suo giornata alla mie morte.	[and] hastened the day's end.
Lassua natura força non le dà	Lasso, natura forza non le dà	Lasso, natura força non le dà	Alas! nature does not give the ship the strength
Che ma' per temp' ella die volta 'n cià.	Che ma' per tempo ella dia volta in cià.	Che mai per temp'ella die volta in cià.	to veer away while there is still time.
14. Non dispregiar virtù	5, 1	Non dispregiar virtù (2²)	Stefano di Cino
Non dispregiar virtù, richo villano, Nè perder temp'a vincerla con oro,	Non dispregiar virtù, ricco villano, Nè perder tempo a vincerla con oro,	Non dispregiar virtù, richo villano, Nè perder tempo a vincerla con oro;	Do not despise virtue, vile rich man, And don't waste your time trying to overpower it with gold;
Che pur suo fama pass'ogni tesoro.	Ché [chè] pur sua fama passa ogni tesoro.	Ché pur suo fama passa ogni tesoro.	for its reputation alone surpasses any wealth.
De[!] pensa chi tu sse', se mai fortuna,	Deh [Dè] pensa chi tu se'! Se mai Fortuna,	Dè pensa chi ttu sse', se mai fortuna.	Come on, think about who you are! If ever Fortune
Rota volgendo dell'aver ti spoglia,	Rota volgendo, dell'aver ti spoglia,	Rota volgendo dell'aver ti spoglia,	turning its wheel, deprives you of your property,
A che ricorrerà se non a doglia?	A che ricorrerà se non a doglia?	A che ricorrerà se nene a doglia?	What will you turn to if not pain?
Però non biasimar chè 'l ver si trova	Però non biasimar, ché'l [chè 'l] ver si trova	Però non biasimar chè'l ver si trova	Hence do not curse [others], because the truth is found
Che pur infin dimostra la su' prova.	Che pur infin [al fin] dimostra la sua prova.	Che pur infin dimostra la suo prova.	That in the end attests its evidence.
15. O giustitia	6	O giustitia regin' (2²)	Giovanni Boccaccio
O giustitia regin' al mondo freno,	O Giustizia regina, al mondo freno	O giustitia regin' al mondo freno,	Oh, sovereign Justice, constraint on the world,
Mossa d'alta virtù dal sommo cielo,	Mosso dalla virtù del sommo cielo,	Mossa d'alta virtù dal sommo cielo,	moved by the highest virtue from the highest heaven,
Or freda e pigra sta in coverta a velo.	Or fredda e pigra stai coverta a velo.	Or fredda e pigra sta in coverta a velo.	Now cold and idle you take refuge under cover.
Rompe quest' aria e mostr' a tutt' el corso,	Rompi quest' aire, mostra a tutti il corso,	Rompe quest'aire e mostr'a tutt'el corso,	Shatter this atmosphere, show all the way,
Et scendi con tuo forçē e coll'ardire,	E scendi con tua forza e con l'ardire,	Et scendi con tuo forçē e coll'ardire,	and descend with your strength and valor,

Che tal virtù non manchi al buon disire.	Chè tal virtù non manca al buon disire.	Che tal virtù non manchi al buon disyre.	so that such virtue not fail in [our] good desire.
Penda l'usata spada e non con fretta,	Fenda l'usata spada, e non con fretta,	Fenda l'usata spada e non con fretta,	May the worn sword cleave and not in haste,
Che colpi non sien tardi a chi gli aspetta.	Chè e'colpi non fien tardi a chi gli aspetta.	Che colpi non sien tardi a chi gli aspetta.	[But] may these blows not be tardy for those who have earned them.
16. Povero pellegrin salito el monte	4, 1	Povero pellegrin (2²)	Franco Sacchetti
Povero pellegrin salito el monte	Povero pellegrin, salito al monte	Povero pellegrin, salit' el monte	A poor pilgrim, having climbed the mountain
Mi veggio lasso et scender alla valle,	Mi veggio, lasso, e scender a la [alla] valle,	Mi vegio, lasso, et scender alla valle,	I feel myself tired, alas, and make my way down to the valley,
Dove tostano è scur' ogni suo calle.	Dove tostano è scuro ogni suo calle.	Dove tostano e scuro giuso calle	where every path is quickly dark.
O reta vana, dilettosa e falsa,	O erta vana, dilettosa e falsa,	O reta vana, dilettosa e falsa	O vain, delectable and worthless climb
Quanto se' vagha al'ignorante ingegno,	Quanto se' vaga a l'ignorante [all'ignorante] ingegno!	Quanto se' vaga al l'ignorante ingegno!	how easily you lure the ignorant mind!
Guay a chi passa e non raguarda el segno.	Guai a chi passa, e non riguarda il segno!	Guai a chi passa e non riguarda el segno.	Heaven help he who passes and misses the sign.
Passato sono, et vo et sto et corro,	Passato sono, e sto, e vo [e vo e sto] e corro:	Passato sono, et vo, et sto, e corro;	I have passed that way; and I go, and I stop, and I run;
Stella mi doni lume, a cui ricorro.	Stella mi doni lume, a cui ricorro.	Stella mi doni lume, a cui ricorro.	may the star give me the light which I will follow.
17. Tal mi fa guerra	2, 3, 6	Tal mi fa guerra (2²)	Niccolò da Perugia
Tal mi fa guerra, che mi mostra pace	Tal mi fa guerra, che mi mostra pace	Tal mi fa guerra, che mi mostra pace,	Always at war with me, she shows me only peace,
Portando in bocca ognor soave mele,	Portando in bocca ognor soave mèle	Portando in bocca ognor soave mèle;	her mouth always thick with sweet honey;
Et gatta sotto con amaro fele.	E gatta [E gli atti ⁶] sotto con amaro fele.	Et gatta sotto con amaro fele.	and she slinks about with bitter gall.
Dandomi tuttavia del ben mi piace,	Dandomi tuttavia del "ben mi piace",	Dandomi tuttavia del ben mi piace,	Telling me, nonetheless "I truly like him",
Arde sott'acqua e tesse la sua vela,	Orde [Arde ⁶] sott'acqua e tesse la sua	Orde sott'acqua et tesse la sua vela,	she plots under water and weaves her

	tela,		web,
Con dar buon vento alla nascosa vela.	Con dar buon vento a la [alla ⁶] nascosa vela.	Con dar buon vento alla nascosa vela.	sending good wind to the hidden sail.
Ma se vien caso mai ch'i' mi raveggia,	Ma se vien caso ma' ch'i' mi rav[v ⁶]eggia,	Ma sse vien caso mai ch'i' mi raveggia,	But if it were to ever happen that I mend my ways,
I' sarò volpe e non più coccoveggia.	I' sarò volpe e non più coccoveggia.	I' sarò volpe e non più coccoveggia.	I will be the fox and no longer the little owl.

APPENDIX D: TRANSCRIPTIONS

Sq 76v-77

1. I' ò perduto

madrigal

Donato da Firenze

Text by Righo Belondi

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and 2x3 time, with a key signature of one sharp. The bottom staff is in bass clef and 2x3 time, with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into sections by measure numbers 8, 16, 24, and 32.

Section 1 (Measures 1-8):

1. I'
2. Con
1. I'
2. Con

ò per du - to l'al - ber'
l'on - de tem - pe - sto - s'e

ò per du - to l'al - ber
l'on - de tem - pe - sto - se

Section 2 (Measures 9-16):

e'l ti - mo - - ne.
fra gli sco - - - gli,
e'l ti - mo - - - ne. Son
fra gli sco - - - gli. Ven

Section 3 (Measures 17-24):

Son
Ven

Section 4 (Measures 25-32):

rot - t'i re - mi et ca - na -
ti con - trari, i vor - re'
rot - t'i re - mi et ca - na -
ti con - trar i vor - re

I' ò perduto

40

pi del - l'or - - - ça.
gi - re i' fon - - - do.

pi del - l'or - - - ça. Et
gi - re i' fon - - - do. Per

47

Et vi-vò di - spec -
Per tor-mi via da

vi-vò di - spec -
tor-mi via da

56

to sal - la mie for - - - ça.
que - sto cie - co mon - - - do.

to sal - la mie for - - - ça:
que - sto cie - co mon - - - do.

Ritornello

64

Et

68

non no i - spe - ran - - ça né con -

non no i - spe - ran - - ça ne con -

I' ò perduto

71

for - - - - - to.

D'a-ver bo-nac - cia o ma' ria - ver por -

75

ver bo-nac - cia o ma' ria - ver por -

79

to.

2. Un bel girfalco

Sq f. 71v-72r

madrigal

Donato da Firenze

Text by Niccolò Soldanieri

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff uses a treble clef and a 2x4 time signature, with a key signature of one sharp. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and a 2x4 time signature, with a key signature of one sharp. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The lyrics are written below the notes in Italian. Measure 1: "1. Un" (treble), "1. Un" (bass). Measure 2: "2. In" (treble), "2. In" (bass). Measure 7: "bel gir - fal - co" (treble), "piè gli mi - si e" (bass). Measure 14: "sces' al - le mie gri" (treble), "fa - cto ch'eb-be gor" (bass). Measure 21: "bel gir - fal - co" (treble), "piè gli mi - si e" (bass). Measure 28: "sces' al - le mie" (treble), "fa - cto ch'eb-be" (bass). Measures 14-21 continue with "da. da." and "da. da." respectively. Measures 21-28 continue with "gri" and "gor" respectively.

Un bel giro falco

35

l'a-ria i' brac-cio a piom-bo giù me ven - - -
çò più as-say che non fu la ca - du - - -

l'a-ria i' brac-cio a piombo giù me
çò più as-sai che non fu la ca

42

ne ta, Co On
ven du ne ta, Co On

50

m'a - mor vol - l'el
de giu - can - do il

57

de - sio di suo pen
per - de di ve - du

m'a - mor vol - le el de - sio di suo pen - - -
de giu - can - do il per - de di ve - du - - -

64

p.

Un bel girfalco

70

ne.
ta.

ne.
ta.

Ritornello

76 *d.*

8 Et che ri - tor - ni non mi di - ce 'l'

8 Et che ri - tor - ni non mi di - ce 'l'

82

co - re, Che, che cre-do che se 'l
co - re, Che,

ten - gh' altro si - gno

88

ten - gh' altro si - gno re.

che cre-do che se 'l ten - gh' altro si - gno re.

3. I' vo' bene

Sq f.29r

ballata

Gherardello da Firenze
Text by Niccolò Soldanieri

1.5.9. I' vo' be-ne a chi vol be io - ne an me,
 [4. Se mi fa: li - ma, li - ma, e io a lei dà, dà.
 [8. Ma fer - mo a chi sta fer - mo sem - pre sto;

 Et non a - mo chi a - ma pro - pio
 E co - si vi - vo in que - sta pu - ra
 S'io l'ho al bi - so - gno mio, me à a

 sè. 2. Non son co - lu - i che per pi - glier la
 fe',]
 3. Ma se m'a - vien co - m'or m'i' - con - tr'a
 sè.] [6. Com' al tri in me, co - si mi sto in al -
 [7. Niu - no può dir di me: ve - di co -

 lu - na, Con - sum' al tem - po su o e
 d'u - na, Che mi si tol - ga i' di co, E
 tru - i, Di quel ch'i' pos - so a chi mi
 lu - i, Che con duo lin - gue di ce,

 nul - la tu tti do - na si e n'à.
 sta! do.] no.]

4. Con gli occhi assai

Sq f.157v

ballata

Francesco Landini

Text by Cino Rinuccini

The musical score consists of four systems of music, each with two staves (treble and bass). The music is in 3x8 time, indicated by the '3x8' above the clef. The first system starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F# major). The lyrics begin with '1.5. Con gli o - chi as - sai ne'. The second system starts with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics continue with 'que, si gnor, che'l'. The third system returns to a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics include 'mi sa - ro, Ma Scuo - sol' u - na nel'. The fourth system ends with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics conclude with 'mi sa - ro, Ma Scuo - sol' u - na nel'. The music features various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. Measure numbers 13, 20, and 27 are visible above the staff.

Con gli occhi assai

26

8 2. Que - sto fo per iú - scu -
3. E tu, sem pre piú cru - - - -

2. Que - sto fo per iú - scu -
3. E tu, sem pre piú cru - - - -

33

8 do Et per me' ri co pri - re I mor-tal
do, Tien' fred-do il suo di si - - - re E fa' mi

do, Et per me' ri co pri - re I mor-tal
do, Tien' fred-do il suo di si - - - re E fa' mi

41

8 col pi che sen-tir mi fa - - - -
tra di tor, né ciò fu ma - - - -

col pi che sen-tir mi fa - - - -
tra di tor, né ciò fu ma - - - -

48

8 - - - - - - - - - - y.
- - - - - - - - - - i.

- - - - - - - - - - y.
- - - - - - - - - - i.

5. Dè, pon quest' amor giù!

Sq f. 144r

ballata

Music and text by Francesco Landini

1.5. Dè
4. Di pon que - st' a - mor
lei de - gno non

1.5. Dè
4. Di pon que - st' a - mor
lei de - gno non

giù! Di - c' a te, men - te stol - ta, Do - ve ti
se'; Né a lei de - gno pa - re Che tu la

giù! Di - c' a te, men - te stol - ta, Do - ve ti
se'; Né a lei de - gno pa - re Che tu la

II se' tu in - vol - ta? Trop-po col tuo pen - sier ra -
deg - gi a - ma - re. Le - va, dun - que el [di-si - o]; non

se' tu in - vol - ta? Trop-po col tuo pen - sier ra -
deg - gi a - ma - re. Le - va, dun - que el [di-si - o]; non

guard' in su. 2. Co - me se' tan - to fol - le,
a - mar più. 3. Per - ché que - st' a - mor vol - le

guard' in su. 2. Co - me se' tan - to fol - le,
a - mar più. 3. Per - ché que - st' a - mor vol - le

mi - rar sì al - ta co - sa e non mi - su - ri te?
quan - do sì gra - ti - o - sa don na ve - der mi fe'.
mi - rar sì al - ta co - sa e non mi - su - ri te?
quan - do sì gra - ti - o - sa don na ve - der mi fe'.

Dè, pon quest' amor giù!

5.9. Dè!
[8. Cier - - - pon que - st'a - mor giù: Di -
na, Don -]

8 5.9. Dè!
[8. Cier - - - pon que - st'a - mor giù: Di -
na, Don -]

37
ch'a te, men - te stol - ta: Do - ve ti
na di gran va - lo re, A pic - ciol
8 ch'a te, men - te stol - ta: Do - ve ti
na di gran va - lo re, A pic - ciol

42
se' tu in - vol - ta? Trop - po col tuo pen - sier ra -
ser vi do - re Per sof - fe - ren - ça già be -
8 se' tu in - vol - ta? Trop - po col tuo pen - sier ra -
ser vi do - re Per sof - fe - ren - ça già be -

48
guard' in su. [6. Le - var non po - trei mai
ni gna fu.] [7. Et tu sem - pre sta rai
8 guard' in su. [6. Le - var non po - trei mai
ni gna fu.] [7. Et tu sem - pre sta rai

56
Il mi-o a - mor da lei, Tan - to le - ga - to m'à.
Con pe-na e dol - glie, o mei! Tuo - non si cu - re - rà]
8 Il mi-o a - mor da lei, Tan - to le - ga - to m'à.
Con pe-na e dol - glie, o mei! Tuo - non si cu - re - rà]

Dè, pon quest' amor giù!

9.13. Dè!
[12. E'] pon que - st'a - mor giù: Di -
ri, Che

8 9.13. Dè!
[12. E'] pon que - st'a - mor giù: Di -
ri, Che

68 ch'a te, men - te stol - ta: Do - ve ti
chu - ra po - cha pa - cie. Se tal ser -

8 ch'a - te, men - te stol - ta: Do - ve ti
chu - ra po - cha pa - cie. Se tal ser -

73 se' tu in - vol - ta? Trop-po col tuo pen - sier ra
vo li spia - cie, A - mor lo scu - sa e la sua

8 se' tu in - vol - ta? Trop-po col tuo pen - sier ra
vo li spia - cie, A - mor lo scu - sa e la sua

80 guard' in su. [10. A que-sta, chu' non ca - le
gran vir - tù.] [11. Che sa' ben che nol va - le;
8 guard' in su. [10. A que-sta, chu' non ca - le
gran vir - tù.] [11. Che sa' ben che nol va - le;

87 Di que-sta bal - la - tet - ta, Con ri - ve - ren - ça - di']
Ma fug-gir la sa - et - ta Non può, la qual sen - ti.]

8 Di que-sta bal - la - tet - ta, Con ri - ve - ren - ça - di']
Ma fug-gir la sa - et - ta Non può, la qual sen - ti.]

6. Non creder, donna

Sq f.136v

ballata

Francesco Landini

Text by Franco Sacchetti

2x $\frac{2}{8}$

1. 5. Non cre - der, don - na, che nes -
4. A chui - ser - vir non è l'al -

3x $\frac{2}{8}$

1. 5. Non cre - der, don - na, che nes -
4. A chui - ser - vir non è l'al -

8

su - na si - a Don - na di me, se
ma an-go - scio - sa Che - tie ser ven - do

su - na si - a Don - na di me, se
ma an-go - scio - sa Che - tie ser ven - do

15

non tu, don - na mi - a. 2. Co -
pur ser-vir dy - si - a. 3. Chè

non tu, don - na mi - a. 2. Co -
pur ser-vir dy - si - a. 3. Chè

22

si po - tess 'i di - mo - strar - ti'l co - re Do -
ben ve - dre - sti in es - so sta - re A - mo - re Et

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ben ve - dre - sti in es - so sta - re A - mo - re Et

29

ve la men-te in te o - gnor si po - sa;
la tuo vi - sta bel-la et a - mo - ro - sa;

ve la men-te in te o - gnor si po - sa;
la tuo vi - sta bel - la et a - mo - ro - sa;

Non creder, donna

5.9. Non cre - der, don - na, che nes -
 [8. Ch'i] t'ho a - ma - to ed a - mo, nes - ed

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 [8. Ch'i] t'ho a - ma - to ed a - mo, nes - ed

43
 su - na si - a Don - na di me, se
 a - mar cre - de Te - sem - pre il cor, che
 su - na si - a Don - na di me, se
 a - mar cre - de Te - sem - pre il cor, che

50
 non tu don - na mi - a. [6. Di
 fu tuo sem-pre, e fi - a.] [7. E,
 non tu don - na mi - a. [6. Di
 fu tuo sem-pre, e fi - a.] [7. E,

57
 que - sto, las - so, non pos - so far pro - va. Pe -
 se per mio ef - fet - to al - tro si tro - va, Non
 que - sto, las - so, non pos - so far pro - va. Pe -
 se per mio ef - fet - to al - tro si tro - va, Non

64
 rò, don - na, deh, pro - va la mia fe - de:]
 poss' - io mai tro - var da te mer - ze - de:]
 rò, don - na, deh, pro - va la mia fe - de:]
 poss' - io mai tro - var da te mer - ze - de:]

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the soprano voice (soprano) and the bottom staff is for the basso (bass). The music is in common time. The soprano part starts with a melodic line featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are in Italian, with some words in brackets indicating alternative endings. The basso part follows a similar melodic pattern. The score includes several measures of music, with the soprano and basso parts often performing together or separately. The lyrics describe a situation where the soprano character is being tested by the basso character.

Non creder, donna

9.13. Non cre - der, don - na, il che nes -
 [12. Si, che, a - man - do, il che ver pos -]

9.13. Non cre - der, don - na, il che nes -
 [12. Si, che, a - man - do, il che ver pos -]

78
 su - na si - a Don - na di me, se
 sa sen - ti - re, Ch'al - tra non a - mo
 su - na si - a Don - na di me, se
 sa sen - ti - re, Ch'al - tra non a - mo

85
 non tu, don - na mi - a. [10. Can -
 né a - mar por - ri - a.] [11. E -]
 non tu, don - na mi - a. [10. Can -
 né a - mar por - ri - a.] [11. E -]

92
 zon, ³ si co - me se' del mio a - mor cer - ta, Co -
 se mo - stra - to t'ho la men - te a - per - ta, A -
 zon, si co - me se' del mio a - mor cer - ta, Co -
 se mo - stra - to t'ho la men - te a - per - ta, A -

99
 si co - stei fa cer - ta col tuo di - re;]
 per - to mo - stra a lei il mio di - si - - - re;]
 si co - stei fa cer - ta col tuo di - si - - - re;]
 per - to mo - stra a lei il mio di - si - - - re;]

7. Per seguir la sperança

Sq f. 166r

ballata

Music and text by Francesco Landini

1. Per se - guir la spe - ran - çã, che m'an -
 4. Ma ben ti pre - gho, a - mor, de, Non sof -

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 4. Ma ben ti pre - gho, a - mor, de, Non sof -

6
 ci - - - - - de, Don - na, vo
 fri - - - - - re. Ch'io pe - ra in

ci - - - - - de, Don - na, vo
 fri - - - - - re. Ch'io pe - ra in

ci - - - - - de, Don - na, vo
 fri - - - - - re. Ch'io pe -

13
 cer - can - d'i - - - - - o Di
 tan - to o - bli - - - - - o, Fal -

cer - can - d'i - - - - - o Di
 tan - to o - bli - - - - - o, Fal -

vo cer-can - d'i - - - - - o Di
 ra in tan-to o - bli - - - - - o, Fal -

Per seguir la sperança

20

ce - la - to te - ner el
le pa - le se, tu, el

ce - la - to te - ner el
le pa - le se, tu, el

ce - la - to te - ner el
le pa - le se, tu, el

23

mie di si - o.
vo - ler mi - o.

mie di si - o.
vo - ler mi - o.

mie di si - o.
vo - ler mi - o.

30

2. Ne vo - glia - te, ca - gion di tan - ta pe -
3. Pe - - - rò che la ra - gion pur mi raf - fre -

2. Ne vo - glia - te, ca - gion di tan - ta pe -
3. Pe - - - rò che la ra - gion pur mi raf - fre -

2. Ne vo - glia - te, ca - gion di tan - ta pe -
3. Pe - - - rò che la ra - gion pur mi raf - fre -

Per seguir la sperança

37

46

8. Somma felicità

Sq f.127v

madrigal

Francesco Landini

Text by Franco Sacchetti

The musical score consists of two staves of music for voices. The top staff begins with a treble clef, a 2x4 time signature, and an 8th note tempo marking. The bottom staff begins with a bass clef, a 2x4 time signature, and an 8th note tempo marking. The lyrics are written below the notes, divided into three parts: 1. Som, 2. [Per], and 3. Ma. The music continues with more staves, including measures 8, 15, and 22, with lyrics such as 'Som - ma fe - li - ci - tà, som - mo te - so - - -', 'Per te è la'n - fiam - ma nel mio cor ac - ce - - -', 'Ma il ser - vo tuo, che se' fon - ta - na e lu - - -', 'Som - ma fe - li - ci - tà, som - mo te - so - - -', 'Per te è la'n - fiam - ma nel mio cor ac - ce - - -', 'Ma il ser - vo tuo, che se' fon - ta - na e lu - - -', 'ro sa, me', 'ro Ac', 'sa, Che', 'me D'o', 'Ac', 'Che', 'D'o'. The score includes various musical markings such as slurs, grace notes, and dynamic changes.

Somma felicità

29

chi la gra-tia tuo, don - na, pos - sie - - -
mi con-su-ma on - d'io a mor - te ve - - -
gni vir-tù, fra l'al - tre o - no - re e pre - - -

chi la gra-tia tuo, don - na, pos - sie - - -
mi con-su-ma on - d'io a mor - te ve - - -
gni vir-tù, fra l'al - tre o - no - re e pre - - -

36

43

de:
gno;
gio,

de:
A
M'in
L'al

50

A - ma co - lui che'l tuo a-mor bra - ma e chie - - -
M'in - du-ce a di - si - ar quel ch'io non de - - -
L'al - ma be - ni - gna tuo non l'ab - bia in spre - - -

ma - co - lui che'l tuo a - - - mor bra - - - ma e - - - chie - - -
du - ce a di - si - ar quel ch'io non de - - -
ma - be - ni - gna tuo non l'ab - - - bia in spre - - -

Somma felicità

57

64

71

de.
gno.
gio.]

de.
gno.
gio.]

Ritornello

76

Tral - - - - - lo del fo - co o-mai, che

Tral - - - - - lo del fo - co o-mai, che

Somma felicità

81

86

90

più non ar - - - da, Ché
più non ar - - - da, Ché
do - po mor - te a - iu - tar l'or' è tar
do - po mor - te a - iu - tar l'or' è tar
da.

Sq f.47r

9. Non so qual

ballata

Lorenzo da Firenze

Text by Giovanni Boccaccio

1.5. Non
4. Per

so qual
chui pian-

6
io mi vo - - - glia: O Di
gho, in-vi - dio - - - so

12
vi - ver o mo - rir, per mi - nor do - - - - - glia.
chi l'ha fat - to suo e me ne spo - - - - - glia.

17
2. Mo
3. E

20
rir vor - re, chè'l vi - ver m'è gra - vo so, Veg Più
mo - rir non vor - rei, chè tra - pas - sa to,

24
gen - do - mi per al - tri es - ser la - scia - - - - - to,
non ve - dre' il bel vis' a - mo - ro - - - - - so,

10. Sento d'amor

Sq f. 50

ballata

Lorenzo da Firenze

Text by Gregorio Calonista da Firenze

1.5. Sen - - - - - to d'a - mor la fiam - ma e'l
 [4. Non sia pe - rò l'ar - dir con -]

8 gran po - de - - - - - - - - re.
 tra'l do - ve - - - - - - - - re.

16 Et An - - - - - - - - ve - gio si che vuol

23 te - - - me - re Non Che
 ca - - - le - re

30 si con - vien chi vuol vin - cer la pro -
 sde-gno di pie - tà nol - la ri - mo -

37 - - - - - - - - va.
 - - - - - - - - va.]

45 2. Ma se fier - e - ça in
 [3. Non fu d'a - mor già

53 que - sta o - gn'or si tro - - va, "Dè che fa-ró?" I' te'l di - rò. Per -
 mai don - na si no - - va, Che, s'i vor-ro E se - gui - rò, Con

61 se - ve - ran - do vin - ce - rò la guer - ra.
 suo' po - ten - za A - mor nol - la dis - - - - ser - ra.]

11. Ben di fortuna

Sq f.89v

ballata

Niccolò da Perugia

Ben di fortuna

Musical score for "Ben di fortuna" featuring two staves of music. The top staff uses a treble clef and common time (indicated by '8'). The bottom staff uses a bass clef and common time (indicated by '8'). The music consists of eighth-note patterns with various rests and grace notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, divided into two groups corresponding to the two staves. The first group of lyrics is:

E' pie - di al - le ric - cheç - çé fug - gi -
E guai a chi per far pe - cu - - - - - - - -

The second group of lyrics is:

E' pie - di al - le ric - cheç - çé fug - gi -
E guai a chi per far pe - cu - - - - - - - -

After the first group of lyrics, there is a repeat sign and a key signature change to one flat (B-flat). The lyrics for the second group are:

ti - - - - - - - - ve.
ví - - - - - - - - ve!

Below the lyrics, there are several short horizontal lines with small dashes, likely indicating where the vocal line continues.

12. Chi'l ben sofrir

Sq f.88v-89r

ballata

Niccolò da Perugia

Text by Franco Sacchetti

1.8. Chi[l]
4. Che
[7. Fac]

ben so - frir non po, Se tro - va mal ra -
l'uom che ca - de giù Per in - gno - ran - ça
cia l'uom ciò ch'el de', chè le più vol - te

1.8. Chi[l]
4. Che
[7. Fac]

ben so - frir non po, Se tro - va mal ra -
l'uom che ca - de giù Per in - gno - ran - ça
cia l'uom ciò ch'el de', chè le più vol - te

7

gion è ch'el sie
mal si scu - sa
se ne ve - de

so.
po'.
pro'.]

gion è ch'el sie
mal si scu - - sa
se ne ve - - de

so.
po'.
pro'.]

15

2. Pen - sar dé cia - sche - dun c'al mon - do sta
3. Et non se - guir ciò che suo vo - glia da
[5. S'al cun per suo mal far dal ben par - ti,
[6. Ché spes - se vol - te tal la - men - ta - si

2. Pen - sar dé cia - sche - dun c'al mon - do sta
3. Et non se - guir ciò che suo vo - glia da
[5. S'al cun per suo mal far dal ben par - ti,
[6. Ché spes - se vol - te tal la - men - ta - si

22

Che può ve - nir, quel ch'e e che già fu.
Se quel - la non mi - su - ra con vir - tù.
non si do - lga d'al - trui se non di sé.]
del - la for - tu - na, et es - so il mal si fe'.]

Che può ve - nir, quel ch'e e che già fu.
Se quel - la non mi - su - ra con vir - tù.
non si do - lga d'al - trui se non di sé.]
del - la for - tu - na, et es - so il mal si fe'.]

13. Nel meço già del mar

Sq f. 81v-82r

madrigal

Niccolò da Perugia

Text by Franco Sacchetti

The musical score consists of two staves of music in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The top staff is for a soprano voice and the bottom staff is for a basso continuo or organ. The vocal line begins with "Nel" and "Col". The lyrics are as follows:

me - co già del mar la na - vi - cel
ven - to tem - pe - sto - so e quel - la stel

me - co già del mar la na - vi - cel
ven - to tem - pe - sto - so e quel - la stel

la la,
la la,

Tra La
Tra La

l'o - ri - en - te e l'oc-ci - den - tè giun
qual fe - del mi fe - ce, che più for

l'o - ri - en - te e l'oc-ci - den - tè giun
qual fe - del mi fe - ce, che più for

Nel meço già del mar

46

ta,
te,
ta,
te,

55

Che mi me - n'a fe ri - re scu - ra pun
Af - fret ta suo gior na - ta al - la mie mor
Che mi me - n'a fe ri - re scu - ra pun
Af - fret ta suo gior na - ta al - la mie mor

63

72

ta,
te.
ta,
te.

Ritornello

80

so, na - tu - ra for - ça non le

Las - - - - - so, na - tu - ra for - ça non le

Las - - - - - so, na - tu - ra for - ça non le

Nel meço già del mar

Musical score for voice and piano. The vocal line is in soprano C-clef, common time, with lyrics in Italian. The piano accompaniment is in bass F-clef, common time. Measure 88 starts with piano eighth-note chords. The vocal part begins with "dà" (mezzo), followed by "Che mai per tenp' el-", then "dà Che mai per tenp' el-". Measure 96 continues with piano eighth-note chords and vocal entries: "la die vol - ta in cià.", followed by "la die vol - ta in cià.". The piano part features sustained notes and eighth-note chords throughout.

88
dà Che mai per tenp' el-
dà Che mai per tenp' el-

96
la die vol - ta in cià.
la die vol - ta in cià.

14. Non dispregar virtù

Sq f.87r

madrigal

Niccolò da Perugia
Text by Steffano di Cina

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and 2x4 time, with a key signature of one sharp. The bottom staff is in bass clef and 2x4 time, with a key signature of one sharp. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The lyrics are written below the notes, corresponding to the vocal parts.

Measure 1: 1. Non / 2. Dè

Measure 7: [non] di - spre - giar vir - tù, ri - cho vil - la
pen - sa chi ttu sse, se mai for - tu

Measure 13: no,
na,

Measure 19: Nè Ro per - der tem - po a vin - cer -
ta vol - gen - do dell'

Measure 25: la con o - per - der tem - po a vin - cer -
ver ti spo - ta vol - gen - do dell'

Non dispregar virtu

31

ro;
glia,

37

Ché
A
pur suo fa - ma
che ri - cor - re -

Che
A
pur suo fa - ma
che ri - cor - re -

43

pas - sa o - gni te - so
rai se ne - ne a do

pas - sa o - gni te - so
rai se ne - ne a do

49

ro.
glia?

ro.
glia?

Ritornello

55

Pe - rò non bia - si - mar ch'e'l'

Pe - rò non bia - si - mar ch'e'l'

Non dispregar virtu

61

ver si tro - - - - va

67

Che pur in - fin di - mo - stra

73

la suo pro - - - - va.

15. O giustitia

Sq f.84v-85r

Niccolò da Perugia (2nd half 14th century)
Text by Giovanni Boccaccio

Soprano Staff:

- Measures 1-4: O
- Measure 5: giu - sti - tia re - gi - n'al mon - do fre -
- Measure 6: giu - sti - tia re - gi - n'al mon - do fre -
- Measure 7: - - - - no,
- Measure 8: - - - - no, Mos -
- Measure 9: Mos - sa d'al - ta vir - tù dal som-mo cie -
- Measure 10: - - - - sa d'al - ta vir - tù dal som-mo cie -
- Measure 11: - - - - lo, Or fred - da e pi - gra
- Measure 12: - - - - lo, Or fred - da e
- Measure 13: - - - - sta in co - ver - ta a ve - lo. Rom - pe que -
- Measure 14: 3 sta in co - ver - ta a ve - lo Rom - pe que - st'a - ria e mo - stra
- Measure 15: pi - gra sta in co - ver - ta a ve - lo Rom - pe que - st'a - ria e mo - stra

Basso Continuo Staff:

- Measures 1-4: (piano)
- Measures 5-12: (piano)
- Measures 13-15: (piano)

O giustitia

37

tut - t'el cor - so,
Et

scendi con tuo for-çe e col - l'ar - di - - -
scendi con tuo for-çe e coll'ar - di - - -

re,

Che tal vir-tù non man - chi al buon di - sy -
Che tal vir - tù non man-chi al buon di -

sy -

re.

O giustitia

Ritornello

73 *d.*

Fen - - - - da l'u - sa - ta spa - - - -

Fen - - - -

77

8 da e non con fret - - - - ta,

9 da l'u - sa - ta spa - da e non con fret - - - - ta,

81 Che col - pi non sien tar-di a chi gli a-spet - -

Che col - pi non sien tar-di a chi gli a-spet - -

85 ta.

16. Povero pellegrin

Sq f.84r

madrigal

Niccolò da Perugia

Text by Franco Sacchetti

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in G major, 2/4 time, and the bottom staff is in C major, 2/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes, divided into four sections:

Section 1:

- 1. Po - - - ve - - - ro - - - pel - - - le - - -
2. O [er - ta] va - - - na,
- 1. Po po - ver' pel - le -
2. O [er - ta] va - na,

Section 2:

- grin, sa - li - 'el mon - - te Po-ver' pel - le - grin, sa - li - 'el mon - -
di - let - to - sa_e fal - - sa, [Er-ta] va-na, di - let - to - sa_e fal - -
- grin, sa - li - to_al mon - - - - -
di - let - to - sa_e fal - - - - -

Section 3:

- te Mi ve - - gio, las - - so,_e
sa, Quan to se', va - - gha_a
- te Mi veg - - gio, las - - so,_e
sa, Quan to se', va - - gha_a

Section 4:

- scen - der al - la val - - -
l'i - gno - ran - te_in - ge - - -
- scen - der al - la val - - -
l'i - gno - ran-te_in - ge - - -
- le, gno! Do Guai
- le, gno! Do Guai

Povero pellegrin

26

32

38

Ritornello

43

47

Povero pellegrin

52

8

Povero pellegrin

ro;

ro; Stel - la mi do - ni

Stel - la mi do - ni lu - me_a cui ri -

lu - me_a cui ri -

cor

cor

62

8

ro.

ro.

17. Tal mi fa guerra

Sq f. 91r

madrigal

Music and text by Niccolò da Perugia

1. Tal mi fa
2. Dan do - mi

Tal mi fa
2. Dan do - mi

9
guer - ra, che mi mo - stra pa
tut - ta via del "ben mi pia

guer - ra, che mi mo - stra pa
tut - ta via del "ben mi pia

18
ce, Por - tan - do in boc - ca o - gnor soa -
ce", Or - de - do sot - t'ac - qua e tes - se la
ce", Por - tan - do in boc - ca o - gnor soa -
ce", Or - de - do sot - t'ac - qua e tes - se la

26
ve sua mè - - - - le;
soa - ve mè - - - - le
la sua te - - - - la,

35
E gat - ta sot - to con a - ma - ro fe -
Con dar buon ven - to a lla na - sco - sa ve -
E gat - ta sot - to con a - ma - ro fe -
Con dar buon ven - to a lla na - sco - sa ve -

Tal mi fa guerra

APPENDIX E: CRITICAL NOTES

1. I' ò perduto

Source: Sq f76v-77r
 m.23 and m. 45 – initial syllable in T
 moved to start of melodic line
 m. 54-55, sinalfesi on *via*
 Dialefe between *no isperança*

2. Un bel girfalco

Source: Sq f71v-72r
 Ritornello has repeated printed
 syllable

3. I' vo' bene

Source: f.29r
 Additional text from *Cantelina e Balletti*

4. Con gli occhi assai notes

Source: Sq f157v
 # on low B in bottom voice but refers
 to nothing.
 Flat in m.35 appears after the a.
 Triplets are in void notation
 Transcription. Beamed eighths
 according to pattern, sometime
perfecta, sometimes *imperfecta*

5. Dè! pon quest amor

Source: Sq. 144r
 Sq has only one full ballata form,
 complete text in PAN (f.2)
 PAN begins at different pitch level
 (G/D with b-flat in upper voice).
 F-natural in tenor line on "Dove" is
 flat in Sq
 v. 4 tenor underlay adjusted for better
 wordstress

6. Non creder

Source: Sq 136v
 SQ and PIT start C and then O at m.7
 in both parts, PAN only in tenor
 m.23 - tenor. C in SQ. Used D from
 PAN
 A and B sections set in both parts
 m8, beat 3 PAN and PIT have fg
 minimis. SQ has ef minimis
 m11 PIT has breve + breve rest in
 both parts
 m15, 2nd note is C in both PAN and
 PIT
 m21, PAN doesn't have 3rd beat c
 m32, beat 2, SQ has c, PAN & PIT
 have d.
 Verse 2, sinalefe on *Mente in.*

7. Per seguir la sperança

Source: Sq 166r
 V.4 *tanto* in all concordances but
 PAN, which has *tale*.
 2nd verse - *Questo greve tormento* in
 Sq and PAN, not *El mie grieve* as in
 Reina codex.

8. Somma felicita

Source: Sq f127v
 V.3 from Corsi
 B-flats put in signature in tenor
 despite lacking in first and last
 system. Attrib. to scribal error.

9. Non so qual

Source: Sq f47r
 v.2 sinalefe *per altri esser* to maintain
 endecasillabo

- m.18 and 19 no triplets indicated in MS
10. Sento notes
 Source: Sq50r
 m58, last note b not d as in Marrocco
 m. 14-15 - Included *pause brevis*
 SQ contains ripresa and one piedi.
 Missing volta and last ripresa. Text in Carducci, *Cantilene e ballate*, 313.
11. Ben di fortuna
 Source: Sq 89v
 m. 23 rhythm corrected from Marrocco
 m 52 tenor. Note corrected from Marrocco
 Updated word-underlay from Marrocco
 Marrocco mistakenly claims this is [o.]
12. Chi'l ben sofrir
 Source: Sq 88v-89r
 vv. 5-7 from Carducci, *Cantilene e ballate*, 238.
- m12 tenor - SQ has breve rest, Lo has SB rest. Transcribed as SB rest
 m22 included breve rest that Marrocco didn't in PMFC.
 m27 tenor - 2nd note is a SB in SQ, Brevis altera in Lo. Transc. as brevis altera
13. Nel meco notes
 Source: 81v-82r
 v.1, *l'oriente e l'occident'è*. Squar. and PIT clearly have extra minim to show dialefe and accommodate e syllable, making 12-syllable line. Repeated application of via naturae to correct insufficient number of notes in superius m20, 25, 35, 37, 46, 50, 55, 66, 68, 75, in tenor m 58.
- No triplets indicated in m90.
14. Non dispregiar notes
 Source: Sq 87r
 m. 2 - Pit has G#, Sq has sharp on F
 Ficta in parens = actual sharps present in PIT. In bar 32 there is a sharp below the written F, which is in ligature. Can't make anything of this.
15. O giustitia
 Source: Sq 84v-85r
 A section *covert a vela* Dialease in superius, sinalefe in tenor.
 First letter of ritornello is not a p as transcribed by Marrocco, it's an f.
- Et scendi con tuo forçe e con l'ardire*
 reads *e coll'ardire* in tenor. Used tenor for transcription.
16. Povero pellegrin
 Source: Sq 84r
 m30m cantus. MS has *giuso*. Tenor ib both MS and Modern source has *ogni*. used *ogni*
 Second verse - MS *reta* - used instead of *erta*
 Ritornello – dialefe for *e vo, e sto e corro* in tenor. Cantus can sing *sto* where it is, and add the *e* to the first note of 50 (As it looks in Sq)
 Bar 32 - in cantus - Semibreve + SB rest, in tenor - last note of ligature should be Breve, not long. Needed to double values here to correct bar.
 Adjusted word underlay mm 25-30
17. Tal mi fa guerra notes
 Source: Sq 91
 m13 *via naturae* on second minim to correct rhythm, MS has m/m/sb.
 Examples of sinalefe and dialefe in 2nd line. *Portando in bocca ignore soave mele*.

APPENDIX E: FOREIGN TEXTS

Footnote 9

Source: *Marchetti de Padua: Pomerium*, Corpus Scriptorum de Musica 6. Edited by Giuseppe Vecchi (Rome: American Institute of Musicology, 1961), 161.

Tempus autem imperfectum deficit a perfecto in tertia parte sui ad minus, quod sic probamus.

Footnote 11

Source: Vecchi, ed. *Pomerium*, 167.

“Duae ergo semibreves constituuntur priscilicet in valore, et aequivalent duabus de tribus primariae divisionis temporis perfecti. Et ideo debent similiter figurari, et ad invicem in valore, et in natura etiam sunt aequales . . .”

Footnote 15

Source: Vecchi, ed. *Pomerium*, 171.

Dicimus enim quod omnis numerus in divisione duarum rerum semper invenitur, vel potest inveniri, in ambabus; et tamen nulla pars alicuius rei potest esse media inter ipsam et alteram rem, sicut si duae lineae dividantur, divisio binaria, ternaria, quaternaria et omnis divisio potest reperiri in unaquaque; et tamen pars unius lineae nunquam potest esse medium inter ipsam et aliam lineam.

Quantumcunque ergo procedis dividendo tempus imperfectum in partes diversas, tu incedis in eundem numerum partium, sicut tu faciebas dividendo tempus perfectum in suas. Nulla tamen pars temporis imperfecti potest esse unquam media inter ipsam et tempus perfectum, nec omnes simul, cum natura temporis imperfecti, de se et essentialiter, sit distincta a natura temporis perfecti: quod maxime patet in modo cantandi de tempore perfecto et imperfecto.

Footnote 19

Source: G. Vecchi, "Anonimi Rubrice brevis," *Quadrivium* 10 (1969): 128-34. Thesaurus Musicarum Latinarum, http://www.chmrl.indiana.edu/tml/14th/ANORUB_TEXT.html (accessed October 14, 2012).

Duodenaria

Tempus perfectam recte est illud in quo ponuntur duodecim semibreves que vocantur minime.

Novenaria

Item idem tempus in quantitate, ubi tres semibreves ponuntur pro tempore et vocantur maiores, ut supra dictum est; sed dividuntur in novem, et non in duodecim, que vocantur minime.

Senaria perfecta

Tempus hoc perfectum est quantum ad divisionem, quia dividitur in tres partes et postea in sex et non ultra, propter suam velocitatem modi cantandi, sed quantum ad quantitatem est pro medietate temporis superioris perfecti divisi in duodecim; et dicitur tempus hoc minus perfectum.

Ternaria

Tempus hoc perfectum est quantum ad divisionem, quia dividitur in tres et non ultra, propter suam velocitatem; sed quantum ad quantitatem sui est pro tertia parte temporis perfecti superius divisum in novem, [. . .] Est autem istud tempus pro medietate imperfecti divisi in sex, qui dicitur senarius Gallicus, et de modo Gallico in quantitate.

Octonaria

Hoc tempus dicitur imperfectum, quia dividitur in duas partes equeales. Hoc tempus imperfectum deficit a perfecto superiori diviso in duodecim in tertia parte; octo autem semibreves vocantur minime . . .

Quaternaria

Tempus hoc imperfectum dicitur minus, quia dividitur in duas partes equeales, post hec in quattuor.

French senaria (imperfect)

Hoc autem tempus dicitur imperfectum recte [. . .] Hoc autem tempus imperfectum deficit a perfecto superiori diviso in novem in tertia parte.

Footnote 21

Source: F. Alberto Gallo. *La Teoria della notazione in italia dalla fine del XIII all'inizio del XV secolo*. (Bologna: Tamari Editori, 1966): 65.

Le Rubrice breves descrivono un sistema in fase di trasformazione sotto l'influsso arsnovistico, in una posizione ancora incerta, quasi di equilibrio tra l'impostazione antiqua e quella moderna. Il testo che offre invece in forma ben definita il nuovo inquadramento sistematico di tutte le misure, fissandone anche in termini scientificamente precisi le diverse estensioni temporali, è il Liber de musica di Johannes Vetulus de Anagnia.

Footnote 29 – Vetulus

Source: Liber de musica Iohannis Vetuli de Anagnia, ed. Frederick Hammond, Corpus scriptorum de musica, vol. 27 (n.p.: American Institute of Musicology, 1977), 26-97. Thesaurus Muscarum Latinarum,
http://www.chmtr.indiana.edu/tml/14th/VERLDM_TEXT.html (accessed October 19, 2012).

Et per estas quattuor divisiones omnes modi et divisiones cognosci, figurari et practicari possunt, ut per exemplum patet inferius. Quaeritur quare divisio 12a et 8a non figurantur. Respondeatur; Quia cum tempus 12 sit compositum ex tribus temporibus 4 divisionis et tempus divisionis 8 ex duobus. Et imperfectis divisionibus, videlicet in 12am et 8am, requiruntur multae figurae varia et diversae et specialiter semibreves caudatae variis et diversis modis. Et ipsae et

aliae divisiones possunt figurari et cognosci per tres solas notas, videlicet per semibreven maiorem, minorem et minimam.

Footnote 31

Source: Prosdocimus de Beldemandi. Claudio Sartori, ed. *La notazione italiana del trecento in una redazione inedita del "Tractatus practice cantus mensurabilis ad modum ytalicorum" di Prosdocimo de Beldemandis* (Firenze: Leo S. Olschki, 1938), 35-71. Thesaurus Musicarum Latinarum, http://www.chmli.indiana.edu/tml/15th/PROTRAY_TEXT.html (accessed October 19, 2012).

Nec dicendum est hanc artem Ytalicam ponere pluralitatem sine necessitate in ponendo mensuram octenariam que duplex quaternaria esse videtur, et mensuram duodenariam que triplex quaternaria reputatur, cum mensura quaternaria taliter multiplicata ad hoc sufficiat, quoniam si bene consideramus, tales due mensure, scilicet: duodenaria et octenaria non posite sunt absque necessitate. Unde scire debes, quod due sunt fractiones rationabiles, et dulciter cantabiles, reperte inter minimam et semiminimam que in dupla proportione ad minimam cantatur, scilicet fractio ad minimam sexquialtera, propter quam fractionem invente sunt semiminime cum cauda retorta et ad superius reflexa de quibus facta est superius mentio, et fractio ad minimam sexquiteria, propter quam invente sunt iste due mensure iam recitate scilicet mensura octenaria et mensura duodenaria quas si bene considerabimus, et ipsas aliquantulum stricte cantabimus, inveniemus octenariam mensuram ad senariam reduci, et duodenariam ad novenariam, que ambe mensure maiores, ad ambas mensuras minores, in sexquiteria proportione se habent, ut appareat, et sic tales mensure non posite sunt sine necessitate, cum talem proportionem sexquiteriam satis necessarium habere non possemus absque istarum duarum mensurarum positione. Sed bene posite fuissent sine necessitate si sub suo proprio esse cantate fuissent et non stricte ut octenaria duplex quaternaria et duodenaria triplex quaternaria pro ut quandoque faciunt ignorantes cantores Ytalici qui dicunt quod non semper tempus octenarium et tempus duodenarium ad senarium et novenarium cantari habent in proportione sexquiteria, sed quod aliquando octenarium sub modo duplicitis quaternarii et duodenarium [-49-] sub modo triplicis quaternarii cantari habent. Sed istis non est attendendum quia male et false loquuntur propter rationes iam adductas.

Footnote 32

Source: same as 31 above.

Ars practice cantus mensurabilis duplex reperitur. Ars scilicet Ytlica qua soli Ytalici ad presens utuntur: et ars Gallica quam omnes latine littere Ytalicis exceptis ad presens amplectuntur, dato quod a modico tempore citra, ipsa arte Gallica etiam utantur Ytalici . . .

Footnote 53

Source: Dante, *De vulgari eloquentia*, II, 5.

Quorum omnium endecasillabum videtur esse superbius, tam temporis occupatione quam capacitate sententie, constructionis et vocabulorum.

Footnote 56

Source: Giusto Grion, *Delle Rime Volgari: Trattato di Antonio da Tempo* (Bologna: Forni, 1869), 182-183.

Caesura, over divisione del verso che se clama pausa, la quai sia bella e condescente, se pò far in la terza sillaba, ut ubi: "Cum' impio è/ chi no sta cum peccatore!", in la quarta, ut ubi: "Poco parlar/ è de collor ch'èn sazi," in la quinta, ut ubi: "El bon rectore è/ quel che i soi nutrica," in sexta, ut ubi: "Non ti dismentegar/ l'alto commando," in la septima, ut ubi: "Chi de l'amor divino/ pur se impiglia." Ulterius nulla caesura sive divisio fit, nisi forsan per artis ignaros. Ma la quinta e la septima caesura son più consonante a la suavidade.

Footnote 66

Source: Jacobi Leodiensis Speculum musicae, ed. Roger Bragard, Corpus scriptorum de musica, vol. 3/4 ([Rome]: American Institute of Musicology, 1963), 1-126. Thesaurus Musicarum Latinarum, http://www.chmrl.indiana.edu/tm1/14th/JACSP4_TEXT.html (accessed October 19, 2012).

Cadentia, quantum ad prawsens spectat propositum, videtur dicere quandam ordinem vel naturalem inclinationem imperfectioris concordiae ad perfectiorem. Imperfectum enim ad perfectionem naturaliter videtur inclinari, sicut ad melius esse, et quod est debile per rem fortiorem et stabilem cupit sustentari. Cadentia igitur in consonantiis dicitur, cum imperfecta concordia perfectiorem concordiam sibi propinquam attingere nititur ut cadat in illam et illi iungatur . . .

Footnote 69

Source: Dante, *De vulgari eloquentia*, II, 9.

Nec etiam pretermictemdum est quin iterum asseramus pedes ab invicem necessario carminum et sillabarum equalitatem et habitudinem accipere, quia non aliter cantus repetitio fieri posset. Hoc idem in versibus esse servandum astruimus.

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