

O solitude (Gm)

1st and last stanzas of a poem by Katherine Phillips Henry Purcell

O sol-i-tude, my sweet-est choice! O

sol-i-tude O sol-i-tude my sweet-est sweet-est choice!

BIII -

Pla-ces de-vo-ted to the sight Re-mote from tu-mult and from noise, How

ye my rest-less thoughts de-light! O sol-i-tude, O

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sol-i-tude, my sweet-
est, sweet-est choice! O
heav'ns! What

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content is mine, To see these trees, which have appear'd From the na-ti-
ty of time, And which all a-ges have re-ver'd, To look to-day as fresh and
green, To look to-day as fresh and green As when their beau-ties first were seen.

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O, how agreeable a sight These hanging

moun-tains do ap-pear, Which th'un-happy would in-vite To fi-nish

all their sor-rows here, When their hard, their hard fate makes them en-

dure such woes, such woes as on-ly death can cure. O,

BIII

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O, how I sol-i-tude a-dore! O, O, how I

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sol-i-tude a-dore! That el-e-ment of no-blest wit, Where

I have learnt, where I have learnt A-pol-lo's lore, With-out the pains, the

pains to stu-dy it. For thy sake I in love am grown

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With what thy fan- cy, thy fan- cy does pur- sue; But when I think up- on my own,

b **b** **b abd** **b** ^{4e} _{3d} ^{1b} **ab db** **b** ^{4d} _{3d} ^{1b} **g a b** **b a d** **b**
a r **d r** **a 2r** **a a** **2r 3d** **a 2r** **3d r**

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I hate it, I hate it for that rea- son too, Be- cause it needs must

o **U. R** **a** **BII - -** **a** **a** **a** **4e**
1b a **a 4e** **2d** **a a** **4d** **3d** **a a** **4d** **1b 4d** **1b 4d** **1b 4d** **a a** **a a** **4e**
2r 1b **a 2r** **3e** **a a** **1r** **3d** **2r 3d 2r** **a a** **2r**

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hin- der me From see- ing, from see- ing and from serv- ing thee. O

o **BII - -** **a** **3d** **f 2d** **4f 2r** **4d** **a** **4d a** **b** **4d a**
a **a** **b d** **a b** **4e e** **3d** **4g a** **a 4e** **a** **4d a** **a** **2r 3d** **a r** **3d 1r**

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sol- i- tude, O how I sol- i- tude a- dore!

o
1b a **2r 4e** **a** **b b** **d** **a 1b 4e** **a 4e** **1b a a** **3d 1b** **a** **a** **a** **b a e** **a** **b**
-r 1b **a 2r** **a** **a a** **r d** **a 1r** **1r 3e** **2d 1r** **a 2r** **2r** **a** **3r** **a** **b** **a e** **a** **b**