

From fairest creatures

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for Soprano & Piano

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From fai - - - rest crea - tures we de - si - re

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in - crease, That there-by beau - ty's rose shall ne-ver die, But as the ri - per

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should by time de - cease, His ten - der heir might bear his me-mo-ry: But

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thou contracted to thine own _____ bright eyes, Feed'st thy light's flame with self-sub - stanstial fuel,

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Making a fa-mine where a-bundance lies, Thy self thy foe, to thy sweet self too

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cruel: Thou that art now the world's fresh or - nament, And on-ly

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he - rald to the gau-dy spring, With-in thine own bud bu - ri-est thy con - tent,

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And, ten - der churl, mak'st waste in nig-gar - ding: Pi - ty the world, or

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else this glut-ton be, To eat the world's due, _____ by the grave and thee.