

## **I go before my darling**

This song, composed by Thomas Morley (1557-1602), belongs to his *First Book of Canzonets to Two Voyces* which was first published in 1595. The book consists of twelve songs and nine instrumental pieces. The songs are mostly written for a pair of equal voices, sopranos or tenors. There is no evidence as to who wrote the words, but it is not impossible that Morley himself was the author.

I goe before my darling.  
Follow thou to the bowre  
in the close alley.  
There we will together  
Sweetly kiss each other  
And like two wantons  
Dally, dally, dally, dally.