



17 If women could be fair

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Musical score for five voices: SUPERIUS, MEDIUS, CONTRATENOR, TENOR, and BASSUS. The score is in G minor and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "If wo-men could be fair and nev-er fond, and nev - er fond, if wo - men could be fair and nev - er fond, or that their beau - fond, and nev - er fond, or that their beau - fond, if wo - men could be fair and nev - er fond, fond, and nev - er fond, or that their"

Detailed musical score for the vocal parts with lyrics: "If wo - men could be fair and nev - er fond, fair and nev - er fond, or that their beau - fond, and nev - er fond, or that their beau - fond, if wo - men could be fair and nev - er fond, fond, and nev - er fond, or that their"

III, V (A1): ♩ III, IV, V (A3), I-II, IV-V (B1) I-V (B2): ♩ I, II, V (B1-2), IV (A3 & B1-2): *s rests instead of b rests* 3 IV 1: *coloration* (B1-2)
3: fond = foolish 4 III 2: E 5 I 3-5: and^m ne-m ver^{c m} (A2-3, B1-2) 6-7 II, IV (B2), V (A1, A3): beauties