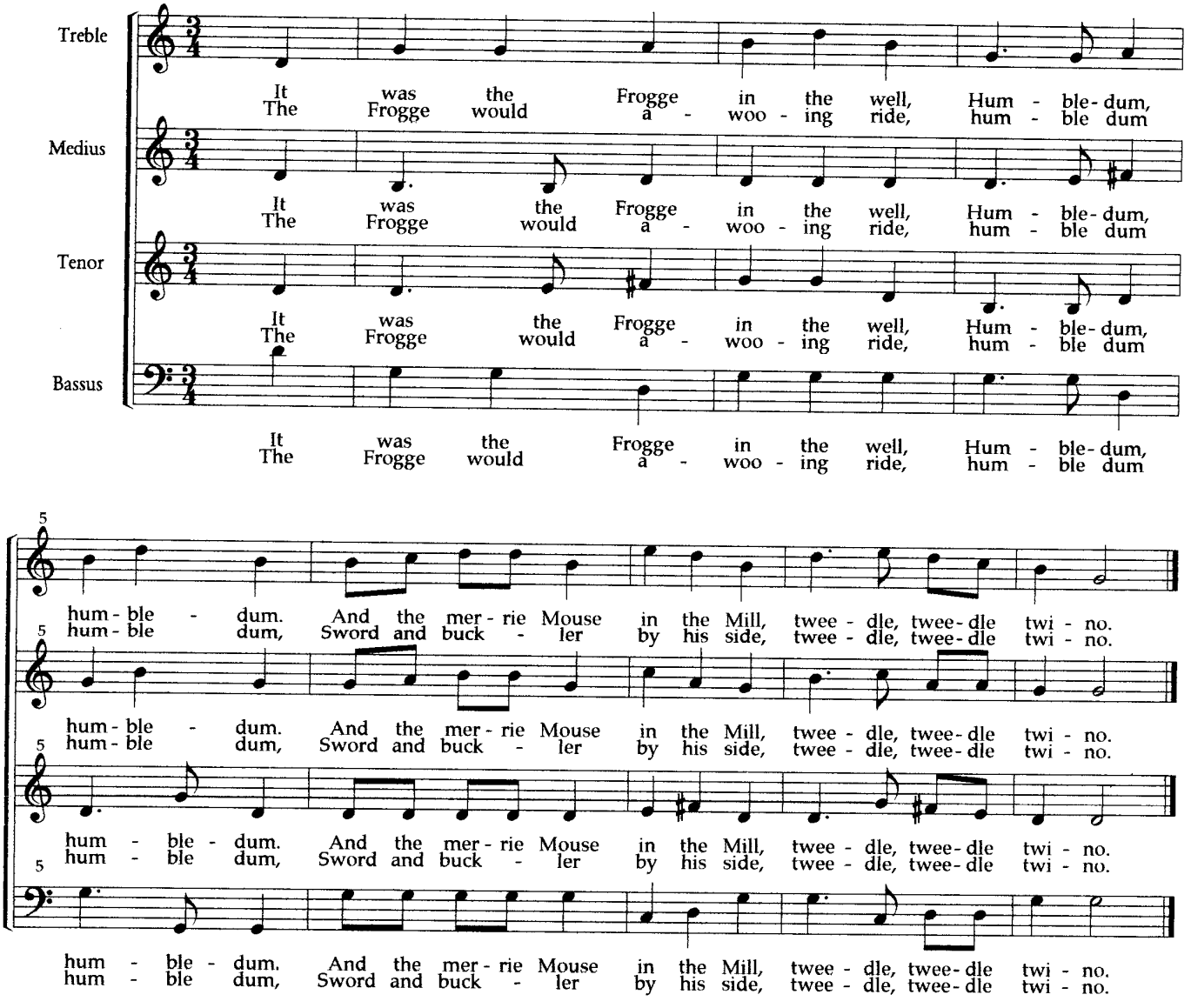
The Marriage of the Frogge and the Mouse

Thomas Ravenscroft from Melismata (1611)



3. When he was upon his high horse set,
humble dum humble dum
His boots they shone as black as jet,
tweedle tweedle twino.

4. When he came to the merry millpin,
humble dum humble dum
Lady Mouse beene you within?
tweedle tweedle twino.

5. Then came out the dusty Mouse, ...
I am the lady of this house, ...

6. Hast thou any minde of me? ...
I have e'ne great minde of thee, ...

7. Who shall this marriage make? ...
Our Lord which is the rat, ...

8. What shall we have to our supper? ...
Three beanes in a pound of butter, ...

9. When supper they were at,...
The Frog, the Mouse, and even the Rat,...

10. Then came in gib our cat,...
And catcht the mouse even by the backe,...

11. Then did they separate,...
And the frog leapt on the floore so flat,...

12. Then came in Dicke our Drake,...
And drew the frogge even to the lake,..

13. The Rat ran up the wall,
humble dum, humble dum.
A goodly company the divell goe with all,
tweedle, tweedle twino.

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