

# Alcun non può saper

Vincenzo Ruffo (c. 1508 - 1587)  
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The musical score consists of four staves of music. The top three staves are in treble clef, G major, and common time. The bottom staff is in bass clef, C major, and common time. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate sustained sounds or specific pronunciation. The lyrics are as follows:

A man can ne - ver know who tru - ly loves him  
A man can ne - ver know who tru - ly loves him, A  
A \_\_\_\_\_ man can ne - ver know who tru - ly loves him, A man  
A man can

When at the sum - mit, When at the sum - mit, When at  
man can ne - ver know who tru - ly loves him When at the sum - mit, When at the sum - mit  
can ne - ver know who tru - ly loves him When at the sum - mit, When at the sum - mit  
ne - ver know who \_\_\_\_\_ tru - ly loves him When at the sum - mit, When at

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the sum - mit of the Wheel he's seat - ed; From both true  
of For - tune's Wheel he's seat - ed; From both true friends and  
mit of the Wheel he's seat - ed; From both true  
the sum - mit of the Wheel he's seat - ed; From both true

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friends and those who ti - re of him, With just the same de - vot - ed faith he's  
those folk who ti - re of him, With just the same de - vot - ed faith he's  
friends and those who ti - re of him, With just the same de - vot - ed faith he's  
friends and those who ti - re of him, With just the same de - vot - ed

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greet - ed. But when down to the bot - tom For - tune  
greet - ed. But when down to the bot - tom For - tune  
greet - ed. But when down to the bot - tom his For-tune shoves  
faith he's greet - ed.

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shoves him, Then he dis-cov-ers, Then he dis - cov-ers fawn-ing crowds re-treat - ed, While one whose  
 shoves him, Then he dis-cov-ers, Then he dis-cov-ers fawn-ing crowds re-treat - ed, While one whose  
 him, Then he dis-cov-ers, Then he dis - cov-ers fawn-ing crowds re-treat - ed, While one whose  
 Then he dis-cov-ers, Then he dis - cov-ers fawn-ing crowds ret-ret - ed While one whose

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heart in ho - nest love is bond - ed Will love his lord till death  
 heart in ho - nest love is bond - ed Will love his lord  
 heart in ho - nest love is bond - ed Will love his lord till  
 heart in ho - nest love is bond - ed

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and then be - yond it, Will love his lord till  
 till death and then be - yond it, Will love his  
 death and then be - yond it, and then be - yond it, Will love his lord  
 Will love his lord till death and then be - yond it,

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death and then be - yond it, and then be - yond it, and \_\_\_\_\_ then be -

8 \_\_\_\_ lord till death and then be - yond it, and then be - yond it, and \_\_\_\_\_ then be -

8 till death and then be-yond it, and then be - yond it, and then be -

Will love his lord till death and then be - yond it, and then be -

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- yond it.

8 yond it, and then be - yond \_\_\_\_\_ it.

8 yond it, and then be - yond it.

yond it, and then be - yond it.