

Say love if ever thou didst find

John Dowland (c.1563-1626)

Cantus

Altus

Tenor

Bassus

Lute

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Lute tuning: D, G, c, f, a, d', g'

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Source: John Dowland, *The Third and Last Booke of Songs or Aires* (London, 1603), no.7.

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Underlay of stanzas 2-4 is editorial.