

Pastime with Good Company

The Kings ballad

fol. 14^v - 15^r

Henry VIII of England (1491-1547)

Henry VIII songbook (GB-Lbl Add. 31922, c.1518)

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[Cantus]

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 Youth must have some dal - li - ance of good or ill some
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Tenor

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[Bassus]

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til I die; Grudge who lust but none de - ny, So god be pleas'd thus
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 to - - - - - flee. Com - pa - ny is good and ill but e - v'ry man hath

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