

Chapter Twenty Nine - "30 Elizabethan Songs - With Documentation"

The Queen's Visiting

of the Campe at *Tilsburie* with her entertainment there
to the tune of *Wilson's Wilde*

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References:

Secondary: Simpson B526, Livingston # 221

Music

"late 16th c manuscripts" Folger MS 1601.1 fol 3,

Ballet's MS lute book p. 112,

Cambridge MS Dd.2.11 fol. 68v.

Titled "Wosleys Wilde" in [Byrd's *Fitzwilliam Virginal Book II*](#), 184

Words ["The Queenes visiting of the Campie at Tilsburie"](#), 1588, in RB IV and Deloney's *Works*

3 more sets of pre-1600 words for "Wilson's Tune" don't fit this tune.

(Some tune and lyric references from Gregory Blount's "[Music of the Broadside Ballad](#)", which is in turn mostly based on Simpson, Claude M. *The British Broadside Ballad and its Music*. Rutgers University Press, 1966.)

Commentary:

When Queen Elizabeth I was threatened by the Spanish Armada with invasion, she gave a famous speech to her soldiers at Tilsburie. This song gives a bit more history of that famous day.

**The Queenes visiting of the Campe at *Tilsburie*
with her entertainment there. *To the Tune of Wilsons wilde.***

C Em F G
 WIn the yeare of Christ our Lord
 C Em G C
 a thousand and five hundreth full:
 C Em F G
 And eightie eight by iust record
 C Em G C
 the which no man may disannull.
 C G F G
 And in the thirtieth yeare remaining,
 C G F G
 of good Queene *Elizabeths* raigning,
 C F C G
 A mightie power there was prepared
 C F C G C
 by *Philip*, then the king of *Spaine*:
 C F C G
 Against the maiden Queene of *England*,
 C F C G C
 which in peace before did raigne. [10]

Her Royall ships to sea she sent,
 to garde the coast on euerie side
 And seeing how her foes were bent,
 her realme full well she did prouide.
 With many thousands so prepared
 as like was neuer erst declared,
 Of horsemen and of footemen plentie,
 whose good harts full well is seene
 In the safegarde of their countrie,
 and the seruice of our Queene. [20]

In *Essex* faire that fertill soile,
 vpon the hill of *Tilsbury*:
 To giue our Spanish foes the foile,
 in gallant campe they now do Iye.
 Where good orders is ordained,
 and true iustice eke maintained,
 For the punishment of persons,
 that are lewde or badly bent.
 To see a sight so straunge in *England*,
 t'was our gracious Queenes intent. [30]

And on the eight of August she,
 from faire St. *Iamess* tooke her way:
 With many Lords of high degree,
 in princely robes and rich aray.
 And to barge vpon the water,
 being King *Henryes* royall daughter,
 She did goe with trumpets sounding,
 and with dubbing drums apace:
 Along the Thames that famous riuier,
 for to view the campe a space. [40]

When she as farre as *Grauesend* came,
 right ouer against that prettie towne:
 Her royall grace with all her traine,
 was landed there with great renowne.
 The Lords and Captaines of her forces,
 mounted on their gallant horses,
 Readie stood to entertaine her,
 like martiall men of courage bold:
 Welcome to the campe dread
 soueraigne,
 thus they said both yong and old. [50]

The Bulworkes strong that stood
 thereby,
 well garded with sufficient men:
 Their flags were spred couragiously,
 their cannons were discharged then.
 Each Gunner did declare his cunning,
 for ioy conceiued of her coming.
 All the way her Grace was riding,
 on each side stood armed men:
 With Muskets, Pikes, and good
 Caleeuers,
 for her Graces safegarde then. [60]

The Lord generall of the field,
 had there his bloudie auncient borne:
 The Lord marshals coulors eke,
 were carried there all rent and torne.
 The which with bullets was so burned,
 when in Flaunders he soiourned.
 Thus in warlike wise they martched

euen as soft as foote could fall:
Because her Grace was fully minded,
perfectly to view them all. [70]

Her faithfull souldiers great and small,
as each one stood within his place:
Vpon their knees began to fall,
desiring God to saue her Grace.
For ioy whereof her eyes was filled,
that the water downe distilled.
Lord blesse you all my friendes (she
said)
but doe not kneele so much to me:
Then sent she warning to the rest,
they should not let such reuerence be.
[80]

Then casting vp her Princely eyes,
vnto the hill with perfect sight:
The ground all couered, she espyes,
with feet of armed souldiers bright.
Whereat her royall hart so leaped,
on her feet vpright she stepped.
Tossing vp her plume of feathers,
to them all as they did stand:
Chearfully her body bending,
wauing of her royall hand. [90]

Thus through the campe she passed
quite,
in manner as I haue declared:
At maister *Riches* for that night,
her Graces lodging was preparte.
The morrow after her abiding,
on a princely paulfrey riding.
To the camp she cam to dinner,
with her Lordes and Ladies all:
The Lord generall went to meete her,
with his Guardes of yeomen tall. [100]

The Sargeant trumpet with his mace,
And nyne with trumpets after him:
Bare headed went before her grace,
in coats of scarlet colour trim.
The king of Heralds tall and comely,
was the next in order duely.
With the famous Armes of *England*,

wrought with rich embroidered gold:
On finest veluet blew and crimson,
that for siluer can be sold. [110]

With Maces of cleane beaten gold,
the Queenes two Sargeants then did ride,
Most comely men for to behold,
in veluet coates and chaines beside.
The Lord generall then came riding,
and Lord marshall hard beside him.
Richly were they both atired,
in princelie garments of great price:
Bearing still their hats and fethers
in their handes in comely wise. [120]

Then came the Queene on pranceing
steede
atired like an Angell bright:
And eight braue footemen at her feete,
whose Ierkins were most rich in sight.
Her Ladies, likewise of great honor,
most sumptuous]y did waite vpon her.
With pearles and diamonds braue
adorned,
and in costly cales of gold:
Her Guardes in scarlet then ride after,
with bowes and arrowes stoute and
bold.[130]

The valiant Captaines of the field,
meane space them selues in order set:
And each of them with speare and
sheelde,
to ioyne in battaile did not let.
With such a warlike skill extended,
as the same was much commended.
Such a battaile pitcht in *England*,
many a day hath not beene seene:
Thus they stood in order waiting,
for the presence of our Queene. [140]

At length her grace most royally
receiued was and brought againe:
Where she might see most loyally
this noble hoast and warlike traine.
How they cam martching all together,
like a wood in winters weather.

With the strokes of drummers sounding,
and with trampling horses than:
The earth and aire did sound like
thunder,
to the eares of euerie man. [150]

The warlike Armie then stood still,
and drummers left their dubbing sound:
Because it was our Princes will,
to ride about the Armie round.
Her Ladies she did leaue behind her,
and her Guardes which still did minde
her.
The Lord generall and Lord marshall,
did conduct her to each place:
The pikes, the colours, and the lances,
at her approach fell downe apace. [160]

And then bespake our noble Queene,
my louing friends and councillmen:
I hope this day the worst is seen,
that in our wars ye shall sustain.
But if our enimies do assaile you,
neuer let your stomackes falle you.
For in the midst of all your troupe,
we our selues will be in place:
To be you ioy, your guide and comfort,
euen before your enimies face. [170]

This done the souldiers all at once,
a mightie shout or crye did giue:
Which forced from the Assure skyes,
an Eccoo loud from thence to driue.
Which filled her grace with ioy and
pleasure,
and riding then from them by leasure,
along the Court of guard she went:
Who did conduct her Maiestie,
vnto the Lord chiefe generals tent. [180]

Where she was feasted royally,
with dainties of most costly price:
And when that night aproched nye,
Her Maiestie with sage aduice,
In gracious manner then returned,
from the Campe where she soiourned.
And when that she was safely set,
within her Barge, and past away:
Her farewell then the trumpets sounded,
and the cannons fast die play, [190]

T.D.

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Voice

The musical score is written for voice in 4/4 time, using a treble clef. It consists of six staves of music. Above each staff are guitar chords: C, Em, F, G, C, Em; G, C, C, Em, F, G, C, Em; G, C, C, G, F, G, C; G, F, G, C, F, C, G; C, F, C, G, C, C, F, C; G, C, F, C, G, C. The lyrics are: "With in the year__ of Christ our Lord A thou sand and__ five hun__ dred full and eight y eight__ by just re cord the which no man__ can dis__ a null...And In__ the thir ti eth year__ re main ing Of__ good Queen E liz a beth's Reign ing A might y pow er there was__ pre par__ ed by Phil lip then the King of Spain A gainst the mai__ den Queen of Eng land__ which__ in peace__ be fore__ did reign."

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