The XII Wonders of the World

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John Maynard (1576/7 - betw. 1614-33)

English composer, born in St Albans, and baptized on January 5, 1577; little is known of Maynard's life. Possibly he was from late 1599 until 1601 in the service of King Christian IV of Denmark (as 'Johan Meinert'); from 1601 he was Commissary of Musters in Ireland. Subsequently (after 1607, but definitely before 1611) he was lutenist at the school of St Julians, near St Albans.

He is primarily known from one published work, The XIII Wonders of the World, published in London in 1611. It contains twelve songs, six duets for lute and viol. and seven pieces for lyra viol with optional bass viol.

Compositeur anglais (1576/7- entre 1614 et 1633) né à St Albans, baptisé le 5 Janvier 1577 ; on sait peu de choses sur sa vie. Il a peut-être été au service du roi Christian IV de Danemark (comme "Johan Meinert") de fin 1599 à 1601 ; à partir de 1601 il devient Commissaire des Douanes en Irlande. De plus, 'après 1607, mais avant 1611) il est luthiste à l'Ecole de Saint Julien, près de St Albans.

Il est tout d'abord connu pour une oeuvre publiée, Les XII Merveilles du Monde, publiées à Londres en 1611. Elle contient 12 chansons, 6 duos pour luth et viole et 7 pièces pour "lura viol" avec basse viole optionnelle (facultative)
1 - I, The Courrier.
2 - II, The Devine
3 - III, The Soul diour
4 - IV, The Lawyer
5 - V, The Physician
6 - VI, The Marchant
7 - VII; The Countrey Gentleman
8 - VIII; The Bachelor
9 - IX; The Marryed Man
10 - X; The Wife
11 - XI; The Widow
12 - XII; The Maid
Long Have I lived in Court Yet learned not all this

while, To sell poor suitors smoke, nor where I hate to smile;

Superiors to adore, inferiors to despise; to fly from such as fall; to

follow such as rise; To cloak a poor desire under a rich array, Nor
to aspire by vice though' twere the quicker way.
My calling is divine, and I from god am sent; I will no chop-church be, nor pay my patron rent; nor yield to sacrilege, but, like the kind true mother rather will lose all the child, than part it with another. Mutch wealth I will not seek, nor worldly masters serve, so to grow rich

The XII Wonders of the World: p. 3
and fat while my poor flock doth starve
My occupation is the noble trade, the trade of Kings, the trial that decides the highest right of things. Though Mars my masters be I do not

Venus love, nor honor Bacchus; nor often swear by Jove

Of speaking of myself I all occasion shun; and rather love to do, to do to...
the law my calling is
my robe, my tongue, my pen, wealth and o-
pi- nion gain, and

make me judge of men
the known dishon-
est cause

never did defend; nor spun out suits in length but wished and sought an

end id...

Nor counsel did bewray, nor
of both parties take nor ever took nor ever took I fee for which for which for which for which I never never never spake
I study to uphold the slippery state of man, who dies when we have done the best, and all we can from practice and from books. I draw my learned skill, not from the known receipt or pox-eracies bill, the earth my faults doth hide the earth my faults doth hide.
hide, the world my cures doth see; what youth and times effects is oft is

oft is oft is oft is oft is oft is oft ascribed to me

The XII Wonders of the World : p. 10
My trade doth eve-ry-thing to eve-ry land supply Disco-ver   

-co- vers unknow coast strange countries doth al-ly 

never did forestall I never did engross nor cus- 

though I returned with loss I thrive by fair ex-
change, by selling and by buying and not by Jewish use and not by Jewish use, and not by Jewish use reprisal fraud or lying.
though strange outlandish spirits praise towns and countries scorn. The country is my home

I dwell where I was born there profit and command there profit and command

whith pleasure I partake yet do not yet do not yet do not yet do not yet do not yet do not hawks and

Dog my sole companions make I rule I rule but not oppress; end quarrels, not main-
tain; see towns, but dwell not there, there, there, there, there, there, there, there, id

to abridge my charge or train

The XII Wonders of the World : p. 14
How many things are yet are dead alike to me
The field, the horse

the Dog Love Armes, or liberty. I have no wife as yet id

yet id which I may call mine own, I have no children yet that by mine

name are known, yet if I married were if etc. if etc... I would not
I only am the man among all married men that do not wish the Priest to be unlinked again, and though my shoe did wring it

I would not make my moan, nor think my neighbour's chance more happy than mine own more happy than mine own
Yet court I not my wife but yield ob- servance due,

being neither fond id nor cross, nor jealous, nor untrue.
The first of all our sex came from the side of man
I thither am returned from whence our sex began

many when I do, I tell my minde to few and that

that in counsel too I seem not sick in health id id

not sullen but in sorrow, in sorrow in sorrow sorrow not sullen but in
sorrow, I care for smewhat else than what to wear to-morrow
My dying husband knew how much his death would grieve me

and therefore let me wealth to comfort and relieve me

though I no more will have I must not love disdaine penelope her-self did

suitors entertain and yet

The XII Wonders of the World : p. 21
to draw on such id such as are of best esteem id

nor younger than I am nor richer will I seem nor richer will I seem
I marriage would foreswear, but that I hear men tell, men tell that she that dies a maid id id a maid must lead an ape in hell therefore it fortune come I will not mock and play nor drive the bargain on.
id till it be driven away, titles and lands I like id
did till it be driven away, titles and lands I like

yet rather fancy can A man that wanteth gold, than gold that wants a man.