

3 Je ne vis oncques la pareille

GILLES BINCHOIS

A.

$\text{♩} = 73$

1,4,7. Je ne vis _____ onc - - ques la pa -
 3. En vous voy - - ant _____ je me mer -
 5. Vos - tre très _____ grant _____ doul - ceur ré -

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11 1 1 omitted; 3 semibreve

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Sur que vous tou - tes aul - tres non vir pa s'a -
Puis que vous tou - tes aul - tres non vir pa s'a -

sun tou tes aul tres non pa -

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neil - pa - reil - - - - le.
pa neil - - - - le.
neil - - - - le.

The *rondeau* also appears to have been performed at Duke Philip's banquet of 1454 (see no.2). The Burgundian court chronicler wrote of it: 'Then . . . there entered into the hall a wondrously great and beautiful stag: upon the stag was mounted a young lad, about twelve years old . . . he began the upper part of the chanson, very high and clear: and the stag sang the tenor . . . and the song that they sang was named *Je ne vis onques la pareille*. While singing . . . they made the rounds before the table, and then returned.' The piece has survived in at least 11 MSS, once ascribed to Binchois and once to Dufay: most authorities now accept it as the work of Binchois. For the two-voiced version of the Banquet, omit the bottom part. The figures before the lines of verse show the order of performance. Lines 1,4,7,2 and 8 are the repeating refrain. After lines 3 and 4 you must stop at bar 12 and go back to bar 1 - hence the editorial small note in the bottom voice.

25 I 5 dotted minim/ 26 I 1 semiminim