

To Music, to Becalm His Fever [tu 'mju:zɪk tu bɪ(ə) 'kɑ:m hɪz 'fi:və]

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Set by *John Edmunds* (1913-1986) (Am), *To Music*; *John Linton Gardner* (1917-) (Br); *Paul Hindemith* (1895-1963) (Gr), from *Nine English Songs*, #8; *Mervyn, Lord Horder, the Second Baron of Ashford* (1910-1998) (Br), *Charm me asleep*, alternate title: *To music*; *Ned Rorem* (1923-) (Am), from *Flight For Heaven*, #1; *Maude Valérie White* (1855-1937) (Br)

Charm me asleep, and melt me so
[tʃɑ:ɹm mi ə.'slɪp ænd melt mi so:ʊ]

With thy delicious numbers,
[wɪð ðɑ:i di.'lɪ].əs 'nʌm.bəz]

That, being ravish'd, hence I go
Away in easy slumbers.
Ease my sick head,
And make my bed,
Thou power that canst sever
From me this ill,
And quickly still,
Though thou not kill
My fever.

Thou sweetly canst convert the same
From a consuming fire
Into a gentle licking flame,
And make it thus expire.
Then make me weep
My pains asleep;
And give me such reposes
That I, poor I,
May think thereby
I live and die
'Mongst roses...

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