

# Sentences from Montaigne (7)

Michel de Montaigne,  
trans. Charles Cotton

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**flexible, moving forward**

**Solemn** *p* *mf*

SOPRANO ALTO

TENOR BASS

*p* *mf*

So the em-per-or, whose pomp and lus-tre so daz-zle you in

**flowing, quasi recitative**

*mp*

6

pub-lic: Sci-li-cet gran-des vi-ri-di cum lu-ce zma-rag-di Au-ro in-clu-dun-

*mp*

Au-ro in-clu-dun-

11

te-ri-tur-que tha-las-si-na ves-tis Ad-si-du-e, *mf*

tur, Ad-si-du-e, et Ve-ne-ris su-do-rem ex-er-

te-ri-tur-que tha-las-si-na ves-tis Ad-si-du-e, *mf*

tur, Ad-si-du-e,

("With big, green-glowing emeralds set in gold, and rich sea-purple dress grown shabby with wear, soaked with the sweat of Venus' games." Lucretius, *De rerum natura*, IV.1126-28.)

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## suave, rhythmic

16 *mf*

ci - ta po - tat; do but peep be - hind the cur - tain, and you will

20

see no - thing more than an or - di - nar - y man, and per - ad - ven - ture more con - temp - ti - ble than the

## flowing, quasi recitative

25 *poco rall.* *mp*

mean - est of his sub - jects: Il - le be - a - tus in - tror - sum est,

29 *mf* *mp* *p*

is - ti - us brac - te - a - ta fe - li - ci - tas est.