PARTHENIA
or
THE MAYDENHEAD
of the first musicke that
ever was printed for the VIRGINALLS!
COMPOSED
By three famous Masters: William Byrd, Mr. John Bull, and Orlando Gibbons,
Gentilmen of his Maj: his most illustrious Chappell.

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TO THE HIGH & MIGHTY

and magnificent Princess Frederike Elect: Palatine of the
Reine: and his betroth'd Lady, Elisabeth, the only
daughter of my Lord the King.

The virgin PARTHENIA, whilst yet I may, I offer up to your virgin...
Mr. Hugh Holland
On his most revered W.H.
This Triumph of Musick.

Let to that sweete Recorder:
How admirably this BYRD his notes doth vary,
As if he were the Nightingale come restored:
Let all the world desire to hear.

A CAPUT BULL, then, the constancy:
Now set all Europe shew me such an other:
Set where these notes in order:
A CAPUT BULL, then, the constancy:

Yet his ORLANDO handlest all causes:
This witty Sage, but wise, doth in use,
Whose tirful praise would tire a very passy:
The World, and growing.

The heere in one three three men heare:
Their souls decaying, like their bodies strength,
And praise their sages. Let this praise tinge:
Young Men, to oulde are now but Children:

These notes so well in theye so sweetly variad:
First Rules of Art, increase still their levell:
Which see in this new work, yet never scene:

Art's more oulde, grows ev'ry more Greene.

Precedium.
Mr. William Byrd. I.