

O BELLA FUSA

(The Wheel)
for Mixed V , a cappella

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ORLANDO DI LASSO (1532-1594)

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A Netherlander by birth, Orlando di Lasso wrote part songs in German, French, and Italian. He was a truly international composer. In this Italian madrigal, the repetitious rhythms convey the endless turning of the wheel. For more information about di Lasso, see page 336.

Moderato

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass
Keyboard (For rehearsal only)

O bel - la fu - sa, O bel - la fu - sa,
Beau - ti - ful spin - dle, Beau - ti - ful spin - dle,
O, beau - ti - ful spin - dle, Beau - ti - ful spin - dle,
O bel - la fu - sa, Beau - ti - ful spin - dle, Beau - ti - ful spin - dle,
O bel - la fu - sa, O bel - la fu - sa,
Beau - ti - ful spin - dle, Beau - ti - ful spin - dle,
O bel - la fu - sa, O bel - la fu - sa,
Beau - ti - ful spin - dle, Beau - ti - ful spin - dle,

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sa, dle, O bel - la fu - sa; chi - ne vo - ac - ca - ta re?
What are you spin - ning? What are you spin - ning now?
sa, dle, O bel - la fu - sa; chi - ne vo - ac - ca - ta re?
What are you spin - ning? What are you spin - ning now?
O bel - la fu - sa, chi - ne vo - ac - ca - ta re?
What are you spin - ning? What are you spin - ning now?
O bel - la fu - sa, chi - ne vo - ac - ca - ta re?
What are you spin - ning? What are you spin - ning now?

glia - re! Ve - ni tel - l'a pi - glia - re! Le dam in pro - va. *f* Voi le pro - va - re, Ve -
 spin - ning, the wheel is spin - ning, spin - ning, is spin - ning, — it spins. The wheel is spin - ning, The
 lia - re
 glia - re! Ve - ni tel - l'a pi - glia - re! Le dam in pro - va. *f* Voi le pro - va - re, Ve -
 spin - ning, the wheel is spin - ning, spin - ning, is spin - ning, spin - ning. The wheel is spin - ning, The
 glia - re! Ve - ni tel - l'a pi - glia - re! Le dam in pro - va. *f* Voi le pro - va - re, Ve -
 spin - ning, the wheel is spin - ning, spin - ning, is spin - ning, spin - ning. The wheel is spin - ning, The
 glia - re! Ve - ni tel - l'a pi - glia - re! Le dam in pro - va. *f* Voi le pro - va - re, Ve -
 spin - ning, the wheel is spin - ning, spin - ning, is spin - ning, spin - ning. The wheel is spin - ning, The
 lia - re ve - ni tel - la pi - lia - re le dam in pro - va. Voi le prava - re, ve

ni tel - l'a pi - glia - re, ve - ni tel - l'a pi - glia - re; le dam in pro - va. *rit.*
 spin - ning wheel is spin - ning, the spin - ning wheel is spin - ning, the wheel spins — and spins.
 ni tel - l'a pi - glia - re, ve - ni tel - l'a pi - glia - re; le dam in pro - va. *rit.*
 spin - ning wheel is spin - ning, the spin - ning wheel is spin - ning, the wheel is spin - ning.
 ni tel - l'a pi - glia - re, ve - ni tel - l'a pi - glia - re; le dam in pro - va. *rit.*
 spin - ning wheel is spin - ning, the spin - ning wheel is spin - ning, the wheel is spin - ning.
 ni tel - l'a pi - glia - re, ve - ni tel - l'a pi - glia - re; le dam in pro - va. *rit.*
 spin - ning wheel is spin - ning, the spin - ning wheel is spin - ning, the wheel is spin - ning.
 ni tel - la pi - lia - re. ve - ni tel - la pi - lia - re le dam in pro - va. *rit.*