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### Preface.

THE object of this Edition is to present in an accessible form various works by English composers of the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries, which would otherwise be difficult to obtain.

It is intended to reprint a selection from the music hidden away in public and private libraries, which is almost unknown, except to antiquaries and collectors of rare books.

Each volume will be accompanied by Introductions, Biographical Notices, and references to the authorities whence information is obtained.

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# Introduction

### To Mo. rBi. Old English Edition.

THIS volume contains the first fifteen of Weelkes' "Ayeres or Phantasticke Spirites for three voices," first published in 1608. The remainder will be given in No. 17 of this Series.

In preparing this Edition, the Editor has freely revised Weelkes' words, and has altered and omitted whenever he thought it advisable without pointing out in detail where the alterations occur. In the Music, however, such few corrections as have been made are always indicated. A sharp or natural placed over a note is suggested by the Editor, and is not marked in the original Edition.

An account of Weelkes and his works will be found in the Introductions to Nos. 13 and 15 of this Series, to which there is nothing fresh to be added at present.

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for three voices,

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