

# Pastime with Good Company

*The Kings ballad*

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Henry VIII of England (1491-1547)

Henry VIII songbook (GB-Lbl Add. 31922, c.1518)

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[Cantus]

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Tenor

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[Bassus]

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