

Have you seen but a white lily grow

Words by Ben Jonson

Time of James I

Andante *p*

Have you seen but a white lil-y grow, Be -

fore rude hands have touch'd it? Have you mark'd but the fall of the snow, Be -

fore the earth hath smucht it? Have you felt the wool of bea-vor? Or

swan's down ev-er? Or have smelt of the bud of the bri-ar? Or the

nard of the fire? Or have tast-ed the bag of the bee? *p* O so white, O so

soft, O so sweet is she, so sweet is she; O so

white, O so soft, O so sweet, so sweet, — so sweet is she.