Queen Elizabeth's Galliard

A fitting companion to the previous piece is Dowland's tribute to his own queen. This piece appears in the *Variety of Lute Lessons*, published by Dowland's son, Robert. Of majestic structure, it evokes fanfares and trumpet calls, and the change to 9/8 time is particularly effective.

Suggested tempo is J = 88.

- This is an unusual arrangement for the right hand, but it is not particularly difficult when it is clear in the mind.
- The ligados here and elsewhere in the piece are editorial and may be omitted. However, in this passage they seem to emphasize the relationship to the first theme.
- A staccato approach to the melody followed by a stress on the high B helps to establish the new rhythm. Three eighth notes now take the same time as a quarter note in the previous section.
- A stress at these points helps to emphasize the cross-rhythm.

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