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Natures

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Lord in thy rage rebuke me not

Psalm 6:1-2

2 5

Lord in thy rage re-buke me not, for my most grie-

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- vious sin, nor in thine an-ger cha - sten me, but let me

15

fa - vour win, fa-vour win, but let me fa - vour win.

20 25

Have mer-cy Lord on me, have mer-cy Lord on me,

30

be - cause my state is weak to see, Heal me, O Lord, O

35

Lord, O Lord, heal me, O Lord, for that my bones for that my

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bones are trou - bled sore in me, are trou - bled sore in me,

45 50

are trou - bled sore in me, are trou-bled sore in me, in me.

Right blest are they whose wicked sins

Psalm 32:1-2

1 5

Right blest are they whose wic - ked sins, by God re - mit -

10

- ted be, re - mit - ted be, and whose de - faults are co - ve - rèd, and whose

15

- de - faults are co - ve - rèd, through his great cle - men - cy, through his great cle - men -

20 1

cy. The man is blest, the man is blest to whom

25 30

our Lord, to whom our Lord our Lord hath not im - pu - ted sin,

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hath not im - pu - ted sin, im - pu - ted sin, nor in his sprite

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de - ceit is found, de - ceit is found, nor takes de - light there - in,

45 50

de - light there - in, nor takes de - light there in, nor takes de -

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light, nor takes de - light there in, nor takes de - light there in.

O God which art most merciful

Psalm 51:1

O God which art most mer - ci - ful, have mer -
 - cy Lord on me, on me, have mer - cy Lord on me, ac -
 cor-ding to thy mer-cy great, ac - cor-ding to thy mer-cy great let me re -
 lie-vèd be, let me re - lie-vèd be. And put a - way my wic-ked-
 ness, my wic-ked-ness, and put a - way my wic-ked-ness, which sun-dry ways hath
 been, which sun-dry ways hath been, ac - cor-ding to the mul - ti -
 tude, ac - cor-ding to the mul - ti - tude, of thy com-pas - si-ons seen,
 of thy com-pas - si-ons seen, ac - cor-ding, ac - cor-ding to the mul - ti-tude,
 of thy com-pas - si-ons seen, of thy com-pas - si-ons seen, com-pas - si-ons seen.

Lord hear my prayer instantly

Psalm 102:1-2

Lord hear my pra - yer in - stant - ly, which I be - fore thee make,
 be - fore thee make, and let my cry, and let my cry come un - to thee,
 do not the same for - sake, do not the same for - sake. Turn not a - way thy
 face from me when trou - bles me op - press, when trou - bles me op - press, op -
 press, each day, each day in - cline thine ear to me and
 suc - cour my di - stress, and suc - cour my di - stress.

From depth of sin, O Lord to thee

Psalm 130:1-2

From depth_ of _____ sin, O___ Lord to
 10
 thee I have made hum - ble cry, Lord_ hear my voice, my voice, make
 15
 it a - scend un - to thy throne so high. Un - to the voice of my re -
 20
 quest, pour'd_ out be - fore_ thy sight, thy sight, pour'd_ out be - fore_
 25
 _ thy sight, be - fore thy sight, Lord let thine ears at - ten - tive___ be, to
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 35
 hear me day and night, to hear___ me day and _____ night, to hear me, to
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 45
 hear me day and night, to hear me day___ and_ night, day___ and night, day and night.

Attend mine humble prayer Lord

Psalm 143:1-2

At - tend mine hum-ble pray-er Lord, with
 thine at - ten - tive ear, with thine at - ten - tive ear, even.
 in thy truth even in thy truth and ju-stice Lord, vouch-safe
 my suit to hear, vouch-safe my suit to hear. And in -
 to judge-ment en - ter not, and in - to judge - ment en - ter not,
 with thy poor ser-vant here, with thy poor ser-vant here, poor ser - vant here,
 be - cause none shall be ju - sti-fied and stand be-fore thee clear,
 be - cause none shall be ju - sti-fied and stand be-fore thee clear,
 be - cause none shall be ju - sti - fied and stand be-fore thee clear, be -
 fore thee clear, and stand be-fore thee clear, and stand be-fore thee clear.

Susanna fayre



Su - san - na fair some-time as-saul - ted was by two old men, de - si-ring their
 5 _ de-light, their de - light, which lewd in-tent they thought to bring to pass, if
 10 not by ten-der love, by ten - der love, if not by ten-der love, if not by ten-der love, by
 15 force and might, to whom she said, to whom she said, if I your suit de - ny, you will me
 20 false-ly ac-cuse, and make me die, and make me die, and make me die.
 25 And if I grant to that which you re-quest, my chas-ti - ty shall then de-flower-ed be, shall
 then de-flower-ed be, my chas-ti - ty shall then de-flower-ed be, which is so dear to me, that
 30 I de - test my life, my life, if it be-reft-ed be from me, from me, and ra-ther
 35 would I die and ra-ther would I die of mine ac-cord, of mine ac-cord, ten thou-sand times, ten thou-
 40 sand times, than once of-fend our Lord, of-fend our Lord, than once of - fend our Lord.

The nightingale so pleasant and so gay

1
The nigh - tin-gale so plea-sant and so gay, so plea - sant and so gay,

5
in green-wood groves, de-lights to make his dwel-ling, his dwel-ling, de-lights to make his dwel-

10
ling, in fields to fly, to fly, chan-ting his roun-de - lay, chan-ting his

15
roun - de-lay, at li - ber-ty, a-against the cage re - bel - ling. a -

20
gainst the cage re - bel - ling. But my poor heart, my poor heart with sor - rows o-ver

swel-ling, with sor - rows o - ver swel - ling, through bon-dage vile, bin-ding my free-dom

25
short, bin-ding my free-dom short, bin-ding my free-dom short, no plea - sure takes, no plea-

30
- sure takes in these his sports ex - cel - ling, nor in his song re - cei-veth no com - fort,

35
nor in his song re - cei - veth no com - fort, nor in his song re - cei - veth no com - fort, nor

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in his song re - cei - veth, nor in his song re - cei - veth no com - fort, no com - fort.

When younglings first on Cupid fix their sight

The first part

When young-lings first on Cu-pid fix their sight, their sight, and see him

na-ked, blind-fold and a boy, and a boy, though bow and shafts and fi - er-brand be his__

might, yet ween they he can work them none an-noy, *yet ween they he can work them none.*

- an-noy, work them none an - noy. And there-fore with his pur-ple wings they

play, for glo-ri-ous see-meth love though light__ as fea-ther, and when they have done,

and when they have done, they ween to scape a - way, for blind men say they, say they,

shoot they know not whi - ther, *shoot they know not whi - ther,* they know not

whi - ther, not whi - ther, shoot they know not whi - ther, shoot they know not whi - ther.

But when by proof they find that he did see

The second part

But when by proof they find that he did see, *that— he did see,* and

5 that his wound did ra - ther dim their_ sight, they won - der more how such a lad as

10 he, should be of such sur - pas - sing power and might, and _____ might, and _____

15 _____ might, should be of such sur - pas - sing power and _____ might, *such sur - pas - sing power and*

20 *might: but Ants have galls, but Ants have galls, have galls,* so hath the Bee _____ his sting,

25 *so hath the Bee his _____ sting,* then shield me heavens from such a sub - tle thing, a

30 sub - tle thing, then shield me heavens from such a sub - tle thing, then shield *me heavens*

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_from such a sub - tle thing, then shield me heavens from such a sub - tle thing, a sub - tle thing.

Upon a summer's day love went to swim

The first part

1 5

U - pon a Sum-mers day love went to swim, and cast him-

self in - to a Sea of tears, in - to a Sea of tears, the clouds called in their light, and heaven

10 waxed dim, and sighs did raise a tem-pest, cau-sing—fears, *and sighs did raise a tem - pest,*

15 *cau-sing fears,* a tem-pest, cau - sing fears. The na-ked boy could not so wield his arms,

20 — could not so wield his arms, but— that the waves were—ma - sters of his might,

25 and threa - tened him to work far grea-ter harms, far grea - ter harms, if he de-

30 vi - sèd not to scape by flight, *if he de - vi - sèd not— to scape— by— flight.*

Then for a boat his quiver stood in stead

The second part

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Then for a boat his qui-ver stood in stead, his bow un-bent, 5 did serve him—

for a mast, where-by to sail his cloth of veil he spread, he spread, 10 where-by— to sail his cloth of veil.

— he—spread, 15 his shafts for oars on ei-ther board he cast, his shafts for oars on ei-ther board he

cast, on ei - ther board he— cast, from ship-wrack safe this wag got thus to shore, from

20 ship-wrack safe this wag got thus to shore, got thus to shore, and sware, and sware, to

25 bathe in lo-ver's tears no— more, to bathe in lo-ver's tears no more, in lo-ver's tears no— more.

The greedy Hawk with sudden sight of lure

Geoffrey Whitney (c.1548-c.1601)

The gree - dy Hawk with sud - den sight of _____ lure of lure, _____

_____ with sud - den sight, with sud - den sight of lure doth stoop, doth stoop

_____ in hope to have her wish - èd _____ prey; So ma - ny men do _____

stoop to sights un - sure, to sights _____ un - sure, to sights un - sure,

_____ and cour - teous speech doth keep _____ them at the bay, *and cour - teous speech doth keep them at _____*

_____ the bay: _____ Let them be - ware, let them be - ware lest friend - ly

looks be like, be like the lure where - at the soa - ring _____ Hawk did _____

strike, where - at the soa - ring _____ Hawk did strike, did _____ strike,

_____ where - at the soa - ring _____ Hawk, the soa - ring Hawk did strike.