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Natures

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# Lord in thy rage rebuke me not

Psalm 6:1-2

Lord in thy rage re - buke me not, re-buke me not, for my most  
 grie - vous sin, nor in thine an - ger cha - sten me, but let me  
 fa - vour win, but let me fa - vour win, fa - vour win. Have  
 mer-cy Lord on me, have mer-cy Lord on me, on me, be-cause my  
 state is weak to see, be-cause my state is weak to see. Heal me, O Lord,  
 heal me, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, for that my  
 bones for that my bones are trou - bled sore in me, are  
 trou - bled sore, are trou-bled sore in me, are trou-bled sore in me.

## Right blest are they whose wicked sins

Psalm 32:1-2

3 5  
 Right blest are they whose wic - ked sins, by God re - mit -  
 10 15  
 - ted be, re - mit-ted be, and whose de-faults are co - ve-rèd, through  
 20  
 his great cle - men-cy. The man is blest, the man is blest,  
 25  
 is blest, is blest, the man is blest, to whom our Lord, our Lord, to whom  
 30  
 our Lord hath not im - pu - ted sin, im - pu - ted sin, hath not im - pu -  
 35  
 - ted sin, nor in his sprite de - ceit is found, de - ceit is  
 40  
 found, de - ceit is found, nor takes de - light there - in, nor  
 45  
 takes de - light there - in, nor takes de - light there - in, nor takes de -  
 50 55  
 light there - in, de - light there - in, there - in, nor takes de - light there - in.

## Lord in thy wrath correct me not

Psalm 38:1-2

Lord in thy wrath correct me not,  
 nor in thy fury vex, nor in, nor in thy fury vex, give tears,  
 give tears, give grace, give penitence, unto my sinful sex, my sinful  
 sex. For that the arrows of thy wrath, thy wrath, are fixed in my heart,  
 in my heart, and thou hast laid thine hand on me, and thou hast laid thine hand  
 on me, on me, for my most just desert, for my most  
 just desert, for my most just desert, most just desert.

## O God which art most merciful

Psalm 51:1

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

## Lord hear my prayer instantly

Psalm 102:1-2

1  
 Lord hear my pra - yer in - stant - ly, which I be - fore\_

5  
 \_ thee make, and let my cry come un - to thee, do not the same\_ for-sake, for -

10  
 sake, do not the same\_ for - sake. Turn not a - way thy face from me,

15  
 20 turn not a - way thy face from me when trou-bles me op - press, each day

25  
 in-cline thine\_ ear to me in-cline thine\_ ear to me and suc-cour my di -

30  
 35 stress, 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, from depth of \_\_\_\_\_

sin, O Lord to thee, to thee I have made hum - ble cry, Lord hear

— my voice, — make it a - scend un - to thy throne so high. Un -

to the voice of my re-quest, pour'd out — be-fore thy sight, be-fore thy \_\_\_\_\_ sight,

be-fore thy \_\_\_\_\_ sight, Lord let thine ears at - ten - tive be, at - ten - tive be,

to hear me day and \_\_\_\_\_ night, to hear me day and \_\_\_\_\_ night, day and

night, to hear me day \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ night, to hear me day and night. \_\_\_\_\_



## Attend mine humble prayer Lord

Psalm 143:1-2

At - tend mine hum-ble pray-er Lord, at - tend mine  
 hum-ble pray-er Lord, with thine at - ten-tive ear, 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, 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, poor ser-vant here, with thy poor ser-vant here,  
 be - cause none shall be ju - sti - fied and stand be - fore thee clear,  
 and stand be - fore thee clear, be - fore thee clear, and stand be - fore thee clear, be - fore  
 thee clear, and stand be - fore thee clear, and stand be - fore thee  
 clear, be - cause none shall be ju - sti - fied and stand be - fore thee  
 clear, and stand be - fore thee clear, and stand be - fore thee clear.

## Susanna fayre

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

## The nightingale so pleasant and so gay

The nigh - tin - gale so plea - sant and so gay, in  
 green - wood groves, de - lights to make his dwel - ling, in fields to \_\_\_\_\_ fly, to fly,  
 chan - ting his roun - de - lay, chan - ting his roun - de - lay, his roun - de - lay, at  
 li - ber - ty, a - gainst the cage re - bel - ling. a - gainst the cage re - bel - ling, re - bel - ling.  
 But my poor heart, my \_\_\_ poor heart, but \_\_\_ 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 short, my  
 free - dom short, my free - dom short, my free - dom short, no plea -  
 - sure takes, no plea - sure takes in these his sports ex - cel - ling, in these his  
 sports ex - cel - ling, nor in his song re - cei - veth no \_\_\_ com - fort, nor in his song re - cei -  
 veth no com - fort, nor in his song re - cei - veth no com - fort, nor in his song re - cei - veth no com - fort.

# When younglings first on Cupid fix their sight

## The first part

1  
8 When young-lings first on Cu-pid fix their sight, and see him na-ked,

5  
8 blind-fold and a boy, though bow and shafts and fi-er-brand be his might, yet

10  
8 ween they he can work them none an-noy, yet ween they he can work them none an-noy, an-noy, yet

15  
8 ween they he can work them none an-noy. And there-fore with his pur-ple wings they

20  
8 play, for glo-ri-ous see-meth love though light as fea-ther, and when they have

done, they ween to scape a-way, for blind men say they, for blind men say they, shoot

25  
8 they know not whi-ther, shoot they know not whi-ther, shoot they know not whi-ther,

30  
8 shoot they know not whi-ther, shoot they know not whi-ther, not whi-ther.

## But when by proof they find that he did see

*The second part*

1 5

But when by proof they find that he did see, did see, and that his wound did ra -

8 ther dim their sight, they won-der more how such a lad as he, *how such a lad as he,*

10 8 should be of such sur-pas-sing power and might, should be of such sur-

15 8 pas-sing power and might, *sur-pas-sing power and might,* sur-pas-sing power and

20 8 might: but Ants have galls, *but Ants have galls,* so hath the Bee his sting, the Bee

25 8 his sting, so hath the Bee his sting, then shield me heavens from such a sub-tle

30 8 thing, then shield me heavens from such a sub-tle thing, then *shield me heavens from such a*

6 2 8 sub-tle thing, from such a sub-tle thing, *from such a sub-tle thing,* from such a sub-tle thing.

# Upon a summer's day love went to swim

## The first part

U - pon a Sum-mers day love went to swim, u - pon a Sum-mers day love

went to swim, and cast him-self in-to a Sea of tears, the clouds called in

their light, and heaven waxed dim, and sighs did raise a tem-pest, cau-sing fears, and

sighs did raise a tem-pest, cau - sing fears. The na-ked boy, The na-ked boy

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

of his might, and threa - tened him to work far grea - ter harms, far grea - ter

harms, and threa - tened him to work far grea - ter harms, if he de - vi - sèd not to

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

## Then for a boat his quiver stood in stead

*The second part*

Then for a boat his qui-ver stood in stead, his qui-ver stood in stead, his bow un-bent,  
 did serve him for a mast, where-by to sail his cloth of veil, where-by to sail his  
 cloth of veil, his cloth of veil he spread, his shafts for oars on ei-ther board he cast, *his shafts*  
 for oars on ei-ther board he cast, his shafts for oars on ei-ther board he cast, from ship-wrack  
 safe this wag got thus to shore, *from ship-wrack safe this wag got thus to shore,*  
 got thus to shore, and sware, and sware, to bathe in lo-ver's tears no more,  
 in lo-ver's tears no more, to bathe in lo-ver's tears no more, no more.

## The greedy Hawk with sudden sight of lure

Geoffrey Whitney (c.1548-c.1601)

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The gree - dy Hawk, The gree - dy Hawk

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

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

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stoop, so ma - ny men do stoop to sights un - sure, and cour - te - ous speech,

25 30

and cour - te - ous speech doth keep them at the bay, the bay: Let

35

them be - ware, lest friend - ly looks be like, be like the lure where - at the

40

soa - ring Hawk did strike, did strike, where -

45

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

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Hawk did strike, did strike, the soa - ring Hawk did strike.