

Have mercy upon me O God

Psalm 51:1-2

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Cantusone (part 1 of 6)

Psalmes, songs and sonnets (London, 1611)



Versus 4 5

Have mer - cy u - pon me O God,

Versus 15

have mer - cy u - pon me O God, af - ter thy great good -

20 Chorus 4 25 4

- ness. And ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude of thy

Versus 30

35

mer - cies wipe a - way, wipe a - way mine of - fen -

Chorus 40 5 45 5 50

ces. Wash me clean from my wic - ked - ness,

Versus

55

and purge me from my sins, and purge me from my sins, from my

Chorus 60 1

sins, wash me clean from my wic - ked - ness,

65 1

and purge me from my sins, and purge me from my sins, from -

70 75

- my sins. A - men.

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Versus 4 5
Have mer - cy u - pon me O God,

Versus 15
have mer - cy u - pon me O God, af - ter thy great good -

20
- ness. *Chorus* 4 25 4 *Versus* 30
And ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude of thy

35
mer - cies wipe a - way, wipe a - way mine of - fen - - -

Chorus 40 5 45 5 *Versus* 50
ces. Wash me clean from my wic - ked - ness,

55
and purge me from my sins, and purge me from my sins, from my

Chorus 60 1
sins, wash me clean from my wic - ked - ness,

65 1
and purge me from my sins, and purge me from my sins, from -

70 75
- my sins. A - - - men.

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Cantustwo (part 2 of 6)

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Versus 4 5 10 *Chorus*
Have mer - cy u - pon me O _____ God, _____

Versus 15 20 1 *Chorus*
_____ have mer - cy u - pon _____ me O _____ God, _____

25 *Versus* 30 5 35 4
af - ter thy great good - ness, thy great good - ness. _____

Chorus 40
And _____ ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude of _____ thy mer - cies wipe a - way, _____

45 *Versus* 50 5 55 4
wipe a - way _____ mine of - fen - - - - ces.

Chorus 60
Wash _____ me clean, wash me clean from my wic - - - ked - ness, _____

65
and purge me from my sins, from _____ my _____ sins, and purge me _____

70 75
from my sins, from _____ my sins, A - - - - men.

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The musical score is written for two voices in a 4/2 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "Have mer - cy u - pon me O God, have mer - cy u - pon me O God, af - ter thy great good - ness, thy great good - ness. And ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude of thy mer - cies wipe a - way, wipe a - way mine of - fen - ces. Wash me clean, wash me clean from my wic - ked - ness, and purge me from my sins, from my sins, and purge me from my sins, from my sins, A - men." The score includes markings for "Versus" and "Chorus" sections, with measure numbers 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 1, 30, 5, 35, 4, 45, 50, 5, 55, 4, 60, 70, and 75. The music features various note values, rests, and dynamic markings.

Versus 4 5 5 10
Have mer - cy u - pon me O God, -

Versus 15 5 20 1 Chorus
- have mer - cy u - pon me O God, -

25
af - ter thy great good - ness, thy great good - ness. -

Versus 30 5 35 4
And ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude of thy mer - cies wipe a - way, -

Chorus 40
And ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude of thy mer - cies wipe a - way, -

45
wipe a - way mine of - fen - ces. -

Versus 50 5 55 4
wipe a - way mine of - fen - ces. -

Chorus 60
Wash me clean, wash me clean from my wic - ked - ness, -

65
and purge me from my sins, from my sins, and purge me -

70
from my sins, from my sins, A - men. 75

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Cantus II (part 2 of 6)

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Versus 4 5 10 *Chorus*
Have mer - cy u - pon me O _____ God, _____

Versus 15 5 20 1 *Chorus*
_____ have mer - cy u - pon _____ me O _____ God, _____

25 *Versus* 30 5 35 4
af - ter thy great good - ness, thy great good - ness. _____

Chorus 40
And _____ ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude of _____ thy mer - cies wipe a - way, _____

45 *Versus* 50 5 55 4
wipe a - way _____ mine of - fen - - - - ces. _____

Chorus 60
Wash _____ me clean, wash me clean from my wic - - - ked - ness, _____

65
and purge me from my sins, from _____ my _____ sins, and purge me _____

70 75
from my sins, from _____ my sins, A - - - - men. _____

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Cantus II (part 2 of 6)

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The musical score is written in a single system with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 4/2. The score is divided into sections labeled 'Versus' and 'Chorus'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in italics. The score includes measure numbers 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 1, 30, 5, 35, 4, 45, 50, 5, 55, 4, 60, 70, and 75. The lyrics are: 'Have mer - cy u - pon me O God, have mer - cy u - pon me O God, af - ter thy great good - ness, thy great good - ness. And ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude of thy mer - cies wipe a - way, wipe a - way mine of - fen - - - ces. Wash me clean, wash me clean from my wic - - ked - ness, and purge me from my sins, from my sins, and purge me from my sins, from my sins, A - - - men.'

Versus 4 5 5 10
Chorus
Have mer - cy u - pon me O God, -

Versus 15 5 20 1
Chorus
- have mer - cy u - pon me O God, -

25
Versus 30 5 35 4
af - ter thy great good - ness, thy great good - ness. -

Chorus 40
And ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude of thy mer - cies wipe a - way, -

45
Versus 50 5 55 4
wipe a - way mine of - fen - - - ces. -

Chorus 60
Wash me clean, wash me clean from my wic - - ked - ness, -

65
and purge me from my sins, from my sins, and purge me -

70
75
from my sins, from my sins, A - - - men.

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Contratenor (part 3 of 6)

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Versus 5

Chorus 10

Versus 15

Chorus 20 25

Versus 30

Chorus 40

45 *Versus* 50

Chorus 60

65 *Versus* 75

70

Have mer - cy u - pon me O God, O
God,
have mer - cy u - pon me O God,
af - ter thy great good-ness, good - ness.
And ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude of thy mer - cies wipe
a - way mine of - fen - ces, wipe a - way mine of - fen - ces.
Wash me clean, wash me clean from my wic - ked-ness, from
my wic - ked - ness, and purge me from my sins, from my sins,
and purge me from my sins. A - - - - - men.

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Tenor (part 4 of 6)

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Versus 5
Have mer - cy u - pon me O

Chorus 10
God, —

Versus 15
— God, —

Chorus 20 25
have mer - cy u - pon me O God, af - ter thy great good-

Versus 30
- ness, thy great good - ness.

Chorus 35 40
And ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude of thy mer -

45 2 50 *Versus*
cies wipe a - way mine of - fen - ces.

55
Chorus 60
Wash me clean, wash me clean from my wic - ked - ness, from my

65
wic - ked - ness, and purge me from my sins, from my sins, and purge me,

70 75
and purge me from my sins. A - - - men.

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Sextus (part 5 of 6)

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Versus
5
Chorus
10
Have mer - cy u - pon me
Versus
15
O God,
20
Chorus
25
have mer - cy u - pon me O God,
Versus
30
1
af - ter thy great good - ness.
35
Chorus
40
And ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude of thy mer - cies wipe
45
Versus
50
a - way, wipe a - way mine of - fen - ces, mine of - fen - ces.
55
Chorus
60
Wash me clean, wash me clean from my wic - ked - ness, and
65
2
70
75
purge me from my sins, and purge me from my sins. A - men.

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Bassus (part 6 of 6)

Psalmes, songs and sonnets (London, 1611)

Versus 5

Chorus 10
Have mer - cy u - pon me O God,

Versus 15

Chorus 20
have mer - cy u - pon me O God, af - ter thy great good-

Versus 30
- - ness, af - ter thy great good - ness.

Chorus 35

Chorus 40
And ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude of thy mer -

45
cies wipe a - way, wipe a - way mine of - fen - ces, wipe a - way mine of - fen - ces.

Versus 50

Chorus 55
Wash me clean, wash me clean from

65
my wic - ked - ness, from my sins, and purge me from my sins, and purge me from my

70
sins, and purge me from my sins, from my sins. A - - - men.