

# O God give ear and do apply

Psalm 55, metrical translation by Sternhold and Hopkins (1562)

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius (part 1 of 5)

*Psalmes, sonets and songs of sadnes and pietie* (Thomas East press, London, 1588)

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thee I call and cry, hide not thy self, *hide not thy self* a - way. Take  
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*strain.* Be - cause my foes with threats and cries, op - press me through de - spite:  
and so the wick - ed sort like - wise, to vex me have de - light, have de - light.  
For they in coun - cil do con - spire, to charge me with some ill, So  
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Bassus (part 5 of 5)

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Be-cause my foes with threats and cries, op-press me through de - spite: and  
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