

Why braggest in malice high?

The seventh tune

Archbishop Matthew Parker (1504-1575), Psalm 52

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

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1. Why brag'st in malice high?

O thou in mischief stout;
 God's goodness yet is nigh,
 all day to me, no doubt.
 Thy tongue to muse all evil,
 it doth it self inure;
 as razor sharp to spill,
 all guile it doth procure.

2. Thou malice lovedst to wry,
 above all goodness walk;
 and more thou lovest to lie
 than righteousness to talk.
 Yea, loved thou hast no less
 to speak one word for all,
 all words of naughtiness,
 thou tongue in fraud most thrall.

3. But God once thee shall waste,
 shall stroy and scrape by hand
 thy tent from thee at last,
 to root thee out of land.
 And righteous men shall see,
 and fear thereby shall take;
 but yet at him full free
 good laughter shall they make.

4. O lo, the man himself
 that made not God his aid,
 that trust'd in riches, wealth,
 whose might in mischief laid.
 But I as olive green
 in God's sweet house shall lay;
 my trust hath ever been
 in God's good grace, for aye.

5. I thee shall laud even still,
 for this thou didst, say I;
 thy Name to wait I will,
 for good thy saints it spy.