

Why braggest in malice high?

The seventh tune

Archbishop Matthew Parker (1504-1575), Psalm 52

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

Meane (part 1 of 4)

The Whole Psalter translated into English meter (John Daye press, London, 1567)

Why bragg'st in ma - lice high? O thou in mis - chief stout; God's
ma - lice lovedst to wry, a - bove all good - ness walk; and
I as o - live green in God's sweet house shall lay; my

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good - ness yet is nigh, all day to me no doubt. Thy tongue to muse all evil, it doth
more thou lov'st to lie than right - eous - ness to talk. Yea, lov'd thou hast no less to speak
trust hath e - ver been in God's good grace for aye. I thee shall laud even still, for this

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1-2 3
_ it self in - ure; as ra - zor sharp to spill, all guile_ it doth pro - cure. Thou
_ one word for all, all words of naugh - ti - ness, thou tongue in fraud most thrall. But
_ thou didst say I; thy Name to wait I will, for good_ thy saints it spy.