

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)

O God give ear and do ap-ply, to hear me when I pray: and when to
thee I call and cry, hide not thy self, *hide not thy self* a - way. Take
heed to me, grant my re - quest, and an - swer me a - gain: With plaints I
pray full sore op - prest, great grief doth me con - strain, *great grief doth me con -*
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
in their ha - sty wrath and ire, they do pur - sue me still, they do pur - sue me
still, they do pur - sue me still. still.