

O God give ear and do apply

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

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Medius (part 2 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, I call and cry, hide not thy self a - way.
Take heed to me, take heed to me, grant my re-quest, grant my re-quest, and an-swer
me a-gain: With plaints I pray_ full sore op - - prest, great grief doth
me con - strain, doth me con-strain. Be-cause my foes with threats and
cries, 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. For they in coun - cil
do con - spire, for they in coun - cil do con-spire, to charge me with some
ill, So in their ha - sty wrath and ire, and ire, they do pur-sue
me still, they do pur-sue me still. For they in coun-cil