

O God give ear and do apply

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

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Tenor (part 4 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 a - way. Take
heed to me, 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, 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, do con - spire, to charge me with some ill, So in their ha - sty
wrath, so in their ha - sty wrath and ire, they do pur - sue me still, they do pur -
sue me still, pur - sue me still, they do pur - sue me still. still.