

O God give ear and do apply

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

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Bassus (part 5 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, grant my____ re-quest, and an-swer me a - gain:____
20 ith plaints I pray full sore op - prest, op - prest, great grief doth me con-strain.
1 Be-cause my foes with threats and cries, op-press me through de - spite: and
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35 so the wick-ed sort like - wise, to vex me have de - light. For they in
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45 coun-cil do con-spire, *for they in coun-cil do con-spire*, to charge me with some
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ill, So in their ha - sty wrath and____ ire, they do pur-sue____ me still,
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55 they do pur-sue me still, they do____ pur-sue me still. For they in still.