

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.

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Medius (part 2 of 5)

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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

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Contratenor (part 3 of 5)

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and when to thee I call and cry, hide not thy self a-way, hide not thy self a - way, 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, full sore op - prest, 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.
For they in coun-cil do con-spire, to charge me with some ill, 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, they do pur-sue me still. For still.

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Tenor (part 4 of 5)

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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-press, 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.

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Bassus (part 5 of 5)

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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 30 Be-cause my foes with threats and cries, op-press me through de - spite: and
35 so the wick-ed sort like - wise, to vex me have de - light. For they in
40 coun-cil do con-spire, *for they in coun-cil do con-spire*, to charge me with some
45 ill, So in their ha - sty wrath and____ ire, they do pur-sue____ me still,
6 2 55 1. 2. they do pur-sue me still, they do____ pur-sue me still. For they in still.