

# Help Lord, for wasted are those men

Metrical translation of Psalm 12 (Salve me fac, Domine)

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Contratenor (part 3 of 5)

*Psalmes, sonets and songs of sadnes and pietie* (Thomas East press, London, 1588)

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Help Lord for was-ted are those men, which right'-ous-ness em -

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brace, em - brace: And rare - ly found, and rare - ly found that faith - ful

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are, but all the truth de - face. Each to his neigh - bor false - hood speaks, each

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to his neigh-bor false-hood speaks and them seeks to be-guile, *and them seeks to be-guile:* with

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flat-t'ring lips and dou - ble heart, when smooth-est he doth smile, he doth smile,

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with flat-t'ring lips and dou-ble heart, and dou - ble heart, when smooth-est he doth smile,

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when smooth-est he doth smile, when smooth-est he doth smile.

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