

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)

Help Lord for was-ted are___ those men, which right'-ous-ness em -
brace, em - brace: And rare - ly found, and___ rare - ly found that faith - ful
are, but all the___ truth de - face. Each to his neigh - bor false - hood speaks, each
to his neigh-bor false-hood speaks and them seeks to be-guile, *and them seeks to be-guile:* with
flat-t'ring lips and dou - ble heart, when smooth-est he doth smile, he doth___ smile,
with flat-t'ring lips and dou-ble heart, and dou - ble heart, when smooth-est he doth smile,
when smooth-est he doth___ smile, when smooth-est he doth___ smile.