

## Why did the Gentiles tumults raise?

Thomas Ravenscroft (1590-1633)  
The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1621, Psalme 2

**CANTVS.**  
**MEDIVS.**  
**TENOR,**  
*or Playnsong.*  
**BASSVS.**

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2 The Kings and Rulers of the earth  
conspire and all are bent  
Against the Lord, and Christ his Sonne,  
whom he among vs sent.

3 Shall we be bound to them, say they?  
let all their bonds be broke:  
And of their doctrine and their law  
let vs reiect the yoke.

4 But he that in the heuens dwels  
their doings will decide:  
And make them all as laughing stocks  
throughout the world so wide.

5 For in his wrath the Lord will say  
to them vpon a day:  
And in his fury trouble them,  
and then the Lord will say:

6 I haue anointed him my King.  
vpon my holy hill.  
I will therefore Lord preach thy lawes  
and eke declare thy will.

7 For in his wise the Lord himselfe  
did say to me I wot:  
Thou art my deare and onely Sonne,  
today I thee begot.

8 All people I will giue to thee,  
as heires at thy request:  
The ends and coasts of all the earth  
by thee shall be possest.

9 Thou shalt them bruise euen with a mace  
as man vnder foot trod:  
And as the potters sheards shall breake  
them with an iron rod.

10 Now ye O Kings and Rulers all  
be wise therefore and learne:  
By whom the matters of the world  
be iudged and discerned.

11 See that ye serue the Lord aboue,  
in trembling and in feare:  
See that with reuerence ye reioyce,  
to him in like manner.

12 See that ye kisse and eke embrace  
his blessed Sonne I say:  
Least in his wrath ye sodainly  
perish in the mid way.

13 If once his wrath neuer so small  
shall kindle in his breast:  
O then all ye that trust in Christ,  
shall happy be and blest.

### Critical notes:

Bar. no.	Part	Note No.	Comment
2	Cantus	5	Dot missing in orig.

This setting is similar to those of Psalm 73, 106, 117 and 128