

My soule to God shall give good heed

The Whole Booke of Psalms (1621) - Psalm 62

Thomas RAVENSCROFT (1590-1633)

CANTVS

MEDIVS

TENOR
op Playnsong

BASSVS

Windsor or Eaton Tune

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2. For he alone is my defence,
my rock of health, my aid:
He is my stay that no pretence
shall make me much dismayed.

3. O wicked folk how long will ye
use drafts? sure you must fall,
For as a rotten hedge ye be,
and like a tottering wall.

4. Whom God doth love ye seek always
to put him to the worse:
Ye love to lie, with mouth ye praise,
and yet your heart doth curse.

5. Yet still my soul doth whole depend
on God my chief desire:
From all false fears me to defend,
none but him I require.

6. He is my rock, my strength, my tower,
my health is of his grace:
He doth support me that no power
can move me out of place.

7. God is my glory and my health,
my souls desire and lust:
My fort, my strength, my stay, my wealth,
God is my onlu trust.

8. O have your hope in him alway,
ye folk with one accord:
Pour out your hearts to him and say,
our trust is in the Lord.

9. The sons of men deceitful are,
on balance but a sleight:
With things most vain do they compare
for they can keep no weight.

10. Trust not in wrong, robbery or stealth,
let vain delights be gone:
Though goods well got flow in with wealth
set not your hearts thereon.

11. The Lord long sith one thing did tell,
which here to mind I call:
He spake it oft, I heard it well,
that God alone doth all.

12. And thou O Lord art good and kind,
thy mercy doth exceed:
So that all sorts with thee shall find
according to their meed.

Critical notes:

The setting is similar to the ones of Psalms 85, 108 & 123;

Text somewhat modernised.