

# O come and let us now rejoice

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621), - *Venite exultemus - Psal. 95. p. 6-7*

John FARMER (ca. 1570 - ca. 1601)

CANTVS  
MEDIVS  
TENOR  
or *Playnsong*  
BASSVS

1  
O come and let us now re - joice, and sing un - to the Lord:

3  
O come and let us now re - joice, and sing un - to the Lord:

S.  
and to our on - ly Sa - vi - our al - so with one ac - cord. O let us come be - fore his face,

A.  
and to our on - ly Sa - vi - our, al - so with one ac - cord. O let us come be - fore his face

T.  
and to our on - ly Sa - vi - our al - so with one ac - cord. O let us come be - fore his face

B.  
and to our on - ly Sa - vi - our, al - so with one ac - cord. O let us come be - fore his face

6  
S.  
with in - ward re - ve - rence: con - fes - sing all our for - mer sins, and that with di - li - gence.

A.  
with in - ward re - ve - rence: con - fes - sing all our for - mer sins, and that with di - li - gence.

T.  
with in - ward re - ce - rence: con - fes - sing all our for - mer sins, and that with di - li - gence.

B.  
with in - ward re - ve - rence: con - fes - sing all our for - mer sins, and that with di - li - gence.

To thank him for all benefits,  
always distributing:  
Wherefore to him right joyfully  
in Psalms now let us sing.  
And that because that God alone  
is Lord magnificent:  
And eke about all other Gods  
a King omnipotent.

His people doth not he forsake  
at any time or tide:  
And in his hand are all the coasts  
of all the world so wide.  
And with his loving countenance  
he longeth every where:  
And doth behold the tops of all  
the mountains far and near.

The sea and all that is therein  
are his, for he them made:  
and eke his hands have fashioned  
the earth, which doth not fade.  
O come therefore and worship him,  
and down before him fall:  
And let us weep before the Lord,  
the which hath made us all.

## Critical notes:

Cantus bar 2/note 3 is G in the original;  
Text somewhat modernised.

He is our God, our Lord and King,  
and we his people are:  
His flock and sheep of his pasture,  
on whom he taketh care.  
Today if ye will hear his voice,  
yet harden not your heart:  
As in the bitter murmuring,  
when ye were in desert.

Which thing was of their negligence  
committed in their time  
Of trouble in the Wildernes,  
a great and grievous crime.  
Whereas your fathers tempted me,  
and tried me every way:  
They proved me, and saw my works,  
what I could do or say.

These forty years I have been griev'd,  
with all this generation:  
And evermore I sais they erred  
in their imagination.  
Wherewith their hearts were sore combered  
long time and many days:  
Wherefore I know assuredly  
they have not known my ways.

To whom I in mine anger swore,  
that they should not be bless'd,  
Nor see my joy celestial,  
not enter in my rest.

## Gloria Patri

All laud and praise be to the Lord  
O that of might art most:  
To God the Father and the Son,  
and to the holy Ghost.  
As it in the beginning was,  
for ever heretofore:  
And is now at this present time,  
and shall be evermore.