

# Amid the prease with men of might

The Whole Boooke of Psalms (1621) - Psalme 82

Richard ALLISON (ca. 1560 - ca. 1610)

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or Playnsong

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*Rochester Tune*

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2. How long (saith he) will ye proceed  
false judgement to award ?  
And have respect for love of mead  
the wicked to regard ?

3. Whereas if due you should defend  
the fatherless and weak:  
And when the poor man doth contend  
in judgment justly speak ?

4. If ye be wise defend the cause  
of poor men in their right:  
And rid the needy from the claws  
of tyrants force and might.

5. But nothing will they know or learn,  
in vain to them I talk:  
They will not see or ought discern,  
but sill in darkness walk.

For lo, even now the time is come  
that all things fall to nought:  
And likewise laws both all and some  
for gain are sold and bought.

6. I had decreed it in my sight,  
as Gods to take you all:  
And children of the most of might  
for love I did you call.

7. But notwithstanding ye shall die  
as men, and so decay:  
O Tyrants I shall you destroy,  
and pluck you quite away.

8. Up Lord and let thy strength be known,  
and judge the world with might:  
For why ? all nations are thine own  
to take them as thy right.

## Critical notes:

Editorial natural added in Tenor bar 3, note 7;  
this setting is similar to the one of Psalm 24 & 139;  
text somewhat modernised.