

Thou hast been mercifull indeed

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - *Psalm 85*

Thomas RAVENSCROFT (1590 - 1633)

CANTVS
MEDIVS
TENOR
op *Playnsong*
BASSVS

Windsor or Eaton Tune

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2. The wicked ways that they were in
thou didst them clean remit:
And thou didst hide thy people's sin,
full close thou cover'dst it.

3. Thine anger eke thou didst assuage,
that all thy wrath was gone:
And so didst turn thee from thy rage,
with them to be at one.

4. O God our health, do now convert
thy people unto thee:
Put all thy wrath from us apart,
and angry cease to be.

5. Why shall thine anger never end,
but still proceed on us ?
And shall thy wrath itself extend
upon all ages thus ?

6. Wilt thou not rather turn therefore
and quicken us, that we
And all thy folk may evermore
be glad and joy in thee.

7. O Lord on us do thou declare
thy goodness to our wealth:
Shew forth to us and do not spare,
thine aid and saving health.

8. I will hark what God saith, for he
speaks to his people peace:
And to his Saints that never they
return to foolishness.

9. For why? his help is still at hand
to such as do him fear:

Whereby great glory in the land
shall dwell and flourish there.

10. For truth and mercy there shall meet
in one to take their place:
And peace shall justice with kiss greet,
and there they shall embrace.

11. As truth from earth shall spring apace
and flourish pleasantly:
So righteousness shall shew her face,
and look from heaven high.

12. Yea, God himself shall take in hand
to give us each good thing:
And through the coasts of all our land
the earth her fruit shall bring.

13. Before his face shall justice go
much like a guide or stay:
He shall direct his steps also,
and keep them in the way.

Critical notes:

Bassus bar 3/note 7 is E \flat in the original, changed tot C (as in Psalm 62) to avoid a parallel 8th;
the setting is similar to the ones of Psalms 62, 108 & 123;
text somewhat modernised.