

Hee that within the secret place

The Whole Booke of Psalms (1621) - Psalme 91

Thomas RAVENSCROFT (1590-1633)

CANTVS

MEDIVS

TENOR
or Playnsong

BASSVS

Glasgow Tune

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2. Thou art my hope and my strong hold,
I to the Lord will say:
My God he is, in him will I
my whole affiance stay.

3. He shall defend thee from the snare,
the which the hunter laid:
And from the deadly plague and care,
whereof thou art afraid.

4. And with his wings shall cover thee,
and keep thee safely there:
His faith and truth thy fence shall be,
as sure as shield en spear.

5. So that thou shalt not need I say
to fear or be affright:
Of all the shafts that fly by day,
nor terrors of thee night.

6. Nor of the plague that privily
doth walk in dark so fast:
Nor yet of that which doth destroy
and at noon-days doth waste.

7. Yea, at thy side as thou dost stand,
a thousand dead shall be:

Ten thousand eke at thy right hand,
and yet thou shalt be free.

8. But thou shalt see it for thy part,
thine eyes shall well regard:
That even like to their desert,
the wicked have reward.

9. For why? O Lord I only lust,
to stay my hope on thee:
And in the high'st I put my trust,
my sure defense is he.

10. Thou shalt not need none ill to fear,
with thee it shall not mell:
Nor yet the plague shall once come neyr
the house where thou dost dwell.

11. For why? unto his Angels all,
with charge commanded he,
That still in all thy ways they shall
preserve and prosper thee.

12. And in their hands shall thee bear up,
still waiting thee upon:
So that thy foot shall never chance
to spurn at any stone.

13. Upon the Lion thou shalt go,
the Adder fell and long:

And tread upon the Lion's young,
with Dragons stout and strong.

14. For he that trusteth unto thee,
I will dispatch him quite:
And him defend, because that he
doth know my name aright.

15. When he for health on me doth cry,
an answer I will give:
And from his grief takr him will I,
in glory for to live.

16. With length of years, and days of wealth
I will fulfill his time:
The goodness of my saving health
I will declare to him.

Critical notes:

This setting is similar to the one of Psalm 37;
text somewhat modernised.