

Now Israel may say

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - Psalme 124

Thomas RAVENSCROFT (1590 - 1633)

CANTVS

MEDIVS

TENOR
or Faburdon

BASSVS

6. French Tune

Now Is - ra - el may say, and that tru - ly,

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S. if that the Lord had not our cause main - tained: If that the Lord had not our right sus - tained,

A. if that the Lord had not our cause main - tained: If that the Lord had not our right sus - tained,

T. if that the Lord had not our cause main - tained: If that the Lord had not our right sus - tained,

B. if that the Lord had not our cause main - tained: If that the Lord had not our right sus - tained,

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S. When all the world a - gainst us fu - rious - ly made their up - roars, and said we should all die.

A. When all the world a - gainst us fu - rious - ly made their up - roars, and said we should all die.

T. When all the world a - gainst us fu - rious - ly made their up - roars, and said we should all die.

B. When all the world a - gainst us fu - rious - ly made their up - roars, and said we should all die.

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3. Now long ago,
they had devour'd us all,
And swallowed quick;
for ought that we could deem,
Such was their rage,
as we might well esteem.
4. And as the floods,
with mighty force do fall:
So had they now,
our lives e'en brought to thrall.

5. The raging streams,
most proud in roaring noise:
Had long ago,
o'erwhelmed us in the deep,
6. But loved by God
Which doth us safely keep:
From bloody teeth,
and their most cruel voice:
Which as a prey,
to eat us would rejoice.

7. E'en as a bird,
out of the fowler's gin:
Escapeth away,
right so it fareth with us:
Broke are their nets,
and we have scaped thus.
8. God that made heav'n,
and earth is our help then
His name hath saved us,
from these wicked men.

Critical notes:

Cantus bar 4, note 7 is B in the original; Medius bar 4, note 8 is A in the original (both changes to avoid parallel 8ths or 5ths)
text somewhat modernised.