

# Give laude unto the Lord

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - *Psalm 148*

George KIRBYE (ca. 1555 - 1634)

CANTVS

MEDIVS

TENOR,  
or Playnsong

BASSVS

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A.

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B.

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3. Praise him both Moon and Sun,  
which are so clear and bright:  
The same of you be done,  
Ye glisterings Stars of light,  
4. And eke no less,  
Ye heavens fair:  
5. (And) Clouds of the air,  
His laud express.

6. For at his word they were  
All formed as we see:  
At his voice did appear  
All things in their degree:  
Which he set fast,  
The them he made  
A law and trade  
For aye to last.

7. Extol and praise God's name:  
On earth ye Dragons fell,  
All deeps do ye the same,  
for it becometh you well.  
8. Him magnify  
Fire, Hail, Ice, Snow,  
Ans storms that blow,  
at his decree.

9. The hills and mountains all,  
And trees that fruitful are,  
The Cedars great and tall  
His worthy praise declare:  
10. Beasts and Cattle,  
Yea, Birds flying,  
And Worms creeping  
that on earth dwell.

11. All Kings both more and less,  
With all their pompous train,  
Princes and all Judges  
that in the world remain  
Exalt his name.  
12. Young men and maids,  
Old men and babes  
Do ye the same.

13. For his name shall we prove,  
To be most excellent.  
Whose praise is far above,  
The earth and firmament.  
14. For sure he shall,  
Exalt with bliss:  
The horn of his,  
And help them all.

15. His Saints all shall forth tell,  
His praise and worthiness:  
The children of Israel,  
Each one both more and less.  
16. And also they,  
that with good will:  
His words fulfill,  
and them obey.

## Critical notes:

Bassus bar 4, note 2 is B in the original;  
Cantus bar 6, note 11 is G in the original;  
this setting is similar to the one of Psalm 136, *Another of the same*;  
text somewhat modernised.