

# Take pittie for thy promise sake

The Whole Booke of Psalms (1621) - Psalme 57

Thomas RAVENSCROFT (1590-1633)

CANTVS

MEDIVS

TENOR  
or Playnsong

BASSVS

*Peterborough Tune*

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Take pit - ty for thy pro - mise sake, have mer - cy Lord on me:

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S.

A.

T.

B.

For why? my soul doth her be - take un - to the help of thee.

For why? my soul doth her be - take un - to the help of thee.

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2. Within the shadow of thy wings,  
I set myself full fast,  
Till mischief, malice, and like things  
be gone and overpassed.

3. I call upon the God most high,  
to whom I stick and stand:  
I mean the God that will stand by  
the cause I have in hand.

4. From heaven he hath sent his aid,  
to save me from their spite:  
That to devour me have assayed  
his mercy, truth and might.

5. I lead my life with Lions fell  
all set on wrath and ire:  
And with such wicked men I dwell,  
that fret like flames of fire.

6. Their teeth are spears and arrows long,  
as sharp as I have seen:  
They wound and cut with their quick tongue  
like swords and weapons keen.

7. Set up and shew thyself O God,  
above the heavens bright:  
Exalt thy praise on earth abroad,  
thy majesty and might.

8. They lay their nets and do prepare  
a privy cave and pit:  
Wherein they think my soul to snare  
but they are fallen in it.

9. My heart is set to laud the Lord,  
in him I joy always:  
My heart I say doth well accord  
to sing his laud and grace.

10. Awake my joy, awake I say,  
my Lute, my Harp and string:  
For I myself before the day,  
will rise, rejoyce, and sing.

11. Among the people I will tell,  
the goodness of my God:  
And shew his praise that doth excell,  
in heathen Lands abroad.

12. His mercy doth extend as far,  
as heavens all are high:  
His truth as high as any Star,  
that standeth in his sky.

13. Set forth and shew thyself O God,  
above the heavens bright:  
Extoll thy praise on earth abroad,  
thy majesty and might.

Critical notes:  
Text somewhat modernised.