

# O God our Lord how wonderful

The Whole Booke of Psalms (1621), Psalme 8

Thomas RAVENSCROFT (1557-1602)

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*Peterborough Tune*

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2. Even by the mouths of sucking babes  
 thou wilt confound thy foes:  
 For in these babes thy might is seen,  
 thy graces they disclose.

3. And when I see the heavens high,  
 the works of thine own hands:  
 The Sun, the Moon, and all the Stars  
 in order as they stand.

4. What thing is man (Lord) think I then  
 that thou dost him remember?  
 Or what is mans posterity,  
 that thou dost it consider?

5. For thou hast made him little less  
 than Angels in degree:  
 And thou hast crowned him also  
 with glory and dignity.

6. Thou hast preferd him to be Lord  
 of all thy works of wonder:  
 And at his feet hast set all things  
 that he should keep them under.

7. As sheep and neat, and all beasts else,  
 that in the fields do feed:  
 8. Fowles of the air, fish in the sea,  
 and all that therein breed.

9. Therefore I must say once again,  
 O God that art our Lord  
 How famous and how wonderful  
 are thy works through the world?

Critical notes:

Text somewhat modernised.