

How long wilt thou forget me Lord

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - *Psalm 13*

Thomas TOMKINS (1572 - 1656)

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Worcester Tune

How long wilt thou for - get me Lord, shall I ne - ver be re - mem - ber'd?
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2. In heart and mind how long will I
with care tormented be?
How long eke shall my deadly foes
thus triumph over me?

3. Behold me now (my Lord my God)
and hear me sore oppressed:
Lighten mine eyes lest that I sleep
as one by death possessed.

5. But for thy mercies and goodness,
my hope shall never start:
In thy relief and saving health
right glad shall be my heart.

4. Lest that mine enemy say to me
behold I do prevail:
Least they also which hate my soul
rejoice to see my quail.

6. I will give thanks unto the Lord,
and praises to him sing,
Because he hath heard my request,
and granted my wishing.

Critical notes:

Editorial cross added in Medius bar 5, note 1.
this setting is similar to the one of Psalms 47 & 97;
text somewhat modernised.