

Yee men on earth in God reioyce

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - *Psalme 66*

John MILTON (1562 - 1647)

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Yorke Tune

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2. How wonderful O Lord, say ye,
in all thy works thou art?
Thy foes for fear do seek to thee,
full sore against their heart.

3. All men that dwell the earth throughout
do praise the name of God:
The laud thereof the world about,
is shewed and set abroad.

4. All folk come forth, behold and see,
what things the Lord hath wrought:
Mark well the wondrous works that he
for man to pass hath brought.

5. He laid the sea like heaps on high,
therein a way they had:
On foot to pass both fair and dry,
whereof their hearts were glad.

6. His might doth rule the world alway,
his eyes all things behold:
All such as would him disobey,
by him shall be controlled.

7. Ye people give unto your God
due laud and thanks alway:
With joyful voice declare abroad,
and sing unto his praise.

8. Which doth endue our souls with life
and it preserves withal:
He stayeth our feet so that no strife,
can make us slip and fall.

9. The Lord doth prove our deeds with fire,
if that they will abide:

As workmen do when they desire
to have their metals tried.

10. Although thou suffer us so long,
in prison to be cast:
And there with chains and fetters strong
to lie in bondage fast.

The Second part.

11. Although I say thou sufferst men,
on us to ride and reign:
Though we through fire and water run
of very grief and pain.

12. Yet sure thou dost of thy good grace
dispose it to the best:
And bringst us out into a place,
to live in wealth and rest.

13. Unto thy house resort will I,
to offer and to pray:
And there I will myself apply
my vows to thee to pay.

14. The vows that with my mouth I spake
in all my grief and smart:
The vows I say which I did make,
in dolor of my heart.

15. Burnt offerings I will give to thee
of Oxen fat and Rams
None other sacrifice shall be,
of Bullocks, Goats and Lambs.

16. Come forth and harken here full soon
all ye that fear the Lord:
What he for his poor flock hath done,
to you I will record.

17. Full oft I call upon his grace,
this mouth to him doth cry
And thou my tongue make speed apace
to praise him by and by.

18. But if I feel my heart within
in wicked works rejoice:
Or if I have delight in sin,
God will not hear my voice.

19. But surely God my voice hath heard
and what I do require:

My prayer he doth well regard
and granteth my desire.

20. All praise to him that hath not put
nor cast me out of mind:
Nor yet his mercy from me shut,
which I did ever find.

Critical notes:

This setting is similar to the one of Psalm 27;
the 'Playnsong' is the same as the one of Psalm 138 and 'A Prayer to the holy Ghost' (n° 175) (same composer),
but not the setting; and so it is for the Psalms 100b & 115 b (by S. Stubbs);
text somewhat modernised.