

# O God to me take heed

The Whole Booke of Psalms (1621) - Psalme 70

Martin PEIRSON (1572-1650)

CANTVS

MEDIVS

TENOR  
or Playnsong

BASSVS

*Southwell Tune*

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A.

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B.

O Lord of hosts with haste make speed, help, help, I thee de - sire.

O Lord of hosts with haste and speed, help, help, I thee de - sire.

O Lord of hosts with haste and speed, help, help, O thee de - sire.

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2. With shame confound them all  
that seek my soul to spill:  
Rebuke them back with blame to fall,  
that think and wish me ill.

3. Confound them that apply,  
and seek to work me shame:  
And at my harm do laugh and cry,  
so, so, there goeth the game.  
4. But let them joyful be,  
in thee with joy and wealth:  
Which onely trust and seek to thee,  
and to thy saving health.

5. That they may say always,  
in mirth and one accord.  
All glory, honour, laud and praise,  
be given to thee O Lord.  
6. But I am weak and poor,  
come Lord, thine aid I lack:  
Thou art my stay and help, therefor  
make speed and be not slack.

## Critical notes:

The setting is similar to the one of Psalms 50b and 134;  
text somewhat modernised.