

Job's Curse

Jeremy Taylor (1613-1667),
after the Book of Job

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
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Soprano

Continuo

Let the Night per-ish; cur -

sed be the Morn, wherein 'twas said, "There is a Man-child born!"

Let not the Lord re-gard that day, but shroud its fa - tal Glo-ry in some

sul - len Cloud: May the dark Shades of an E - ter - nal Night ex - clude

the least kind Beam of dawn - ing Light; let un - born Babes, as in the Womb they

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m. 19, voice: penultimate note G
m. 27, continuo: last note D
m. 32, voice: beat 4 written

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lie, if it be mention'd, give a Groan and die: No sounds of

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Joy there-in shall charm the Ear; no Sun, no Moon, no twilight Stars ap -

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-pear; but a thick Veil of gloo - - my Darkness wear. Why

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did I not, when first my Mother's Womb discharg'd me thence, drop down in -

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-to my Tomb? Then had I been at qui - et, and mine Eyes had slept, and

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seen no Sor - row; there, there the Wise and Sub - tle

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Coun - sel - lor, the Po - ten - tate, who for them - selves built Pa -

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- la - ces of State, lie_ hush'd in Si - lence; there's___ no Midnight cry, caus'd_

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___ by Op - pres - sion, and the Ty - - ran - ny of wick - ed Rul - ers.

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Here, here the Wear - y cease___ from La - bour, here the

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Pris - 'ner sleeps___ in Peace; the Rich, the Poor,___ the

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Mon - arch, and the Slave, rest un - dis - turb'd, and no dis - tinc - tion

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have, with - in the___ si - lent Cham - bers of the Grave.

57 Chorus

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