

My soul oppressed with care and grief

Psal. 119. Quarta pars

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius

Medius
The first singing part

Contratenor

Tenor

Bassus

My soul op - pressed with care and grief, with care and

My soul op - pressed with care and grief,

My soul op -

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My soul op - pressed, with care and grief, with care and

My soul op - pressed, with care and

grief, my soul op - pressed with care and grief, and

and grief, with care and grief, with care and

- pressed with care and grief, with care and

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grief, doth cleave un - to the dust: O

grief, doth cleave un - to the dust:

grief, doth cleave un - to the dust: O quick - en me

grief, doth cleave un - to the dust, doth cleave un - to the

grief, doth cleave un - to the dust: O quick - en

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quick - en me af - ter thy word, for there - in do I

O quick - en me af - ter thy word, for there - in

af - ter thy word, af - ter thy word, for there - in

dust: O quick - en me af - ter thy word, for there - in do I

me af - ter thy word, O quick - en me af - ter thy word, for there - in

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trust. My ways un - to thee

do I trust. My ways un -

do I trust, for there - in do I trust. My ways un -

trust. My ways un - to thee, my ways un - to thee

do I trust, do I trust. My ways un -

have I showed thou an - swer-est me a -

-to thee have I showed thou an - swer - est me a -

-to thee have I showed, thou an - swer - est me a - gain, thou an -

have I showed, thou an - swer-est me a - gain:

- to thee, have I showed, thou an - swer-est me a - gain, thou

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-gain: Teach me thy law and so I shall, be eas - ed of

-gain: Teach me thy law and so I shall,

-swer-est me a - gain: Teach me thy law and so I shall, be

Teach me thy law and so I shall, and so I shall, be eas - ed

an - swer-est me a - gain: Teach me thy law and so I shall,

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my pain, be eas - ed of my pain, of my pain. Teach

be eas - ed of my pain.

eas - ed of my pain, my pain. Teach me thy law and so I

of my pain, be eas - ed of my pain, of my pain. Teach me

I shall, be eas - ed of my pain. Teach me thy law and

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me thy law and so I shall, be eas - ed of my pain,

Teach me thy law and so I shall, be

shall, teach me thy law and so I shall, be eas - ed

thy law and so I shall, and so I shall, be eas - ed of my

so I shall, I shall, be eas - ed of my pain, of my pain,

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be eas - ed of my pain, be eas - ed of my pain.
 eas - ed of my pain, be eas - ed of my pain.
 of my pain, my pain, be eas - ed of my pain, of my pain.
 pain, be eas - ed of my pain, be eas - ed of my pain.
 be eas - ed of my pain, be eas - ed of my pain.

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| 1. My soule opprest with care and grieve,
doth cleave unto the dust:
O quicken mee after thy woord,
for therein doe I trust. | 5. All falsehood, and false waies O Lord,
doe thou from mee remove:
And graunt mee grace to know thy law
And onely that to love. |
| 2. My waies unto thee have I shew'd,
thou answerest mee againe:
Teach mee thy law and so I shall,
bee eased of my paine. | 6. The way of truth I choose to tread,
to keepe my life in awe:
And see before me as a marke,
Thy sacred woord and law. |
| 3. The way of thy commandments Lord,
make mee to understand:
And I will muse upon the power
And wonders of thy hand. | 7. I cleave, O Lord, unto all things,
witnessed by thy speech:
Whereof that I repent mee not
I humbly thee beseech. |
| 4. My heart doth melt and pine away,
for verie paine and grieve:
O, raise mee up, after thy word
And send mee some reliefe. | 8. When that my heart thou shalt enlarge,
to seeke and run the waies:
Of thy precepts, I will not faile,
the length of all my daies. |

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