

# What is the cause (Ps 10)

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Editorial accidentals above the staff

Original note values have been halved

Soprano  
What is the cause that thou, O Lord, art now so far from thine,'

Tenor 1  
What is the cause that thou, O Lord, art now so far from thine,'

Tenor 2  
What is the cause that thou, O Lord, art now so far from thine,'

Bass  
What is the cause that thou, O Lord, art now so far from thine,'

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S  
and kee-pest close thy con - te-nance, from us, this trou - blous time?

T 1  
and kee-pest close thy con - te-nance, from us, this trou - blous time?

T 2  
and kee-pest close thy con - te-nance, from us, this trou - blous time?

B  
and kee-pest close thy con - te-nance, from us, this trou - blous time?

(First part only)

- 2) The poor doe perish by the proud, and wicked mens desire,  
Let them be taken in the craft, that they themselves conspire.
- 3) For in the Lust of his owne heart, the ungodly doth delight:  
So that the wicked praise himselfe, and doth the Lord despight.
- 4) He is so proud that right and wrong, hee setteth all a part,  
Nay, nay, there is no God, saith hee, for thus hee think'th in heart.
- 5) Because his waies doe prosper well, hee doth thy lawes neglect  
And with a blast doth puffe against, such as would him correct.
- 6) Tush, tush, (saith he) have no dread, let me estate should change:  
And why? For all adversitie, to him is very strange.
- 7) His mouth is full of cursednesse, of fraud, deceit, and guile:  
Under his tongue doth mischief sit, and travaile all the while.
- 8) Hee lyeth hid in waies and holes, to slay the innocent:  
Against the poore that passe him by, his cruell eyes are bent.
- 9) And lyke a Lyon, privily, lys lurking in his den:  
If hee may snare them in his net, to spoyle poore simple men,
- 10) And for the nonce full craftely, hee coucheth downe I say,  
So are great heaps of poore men made, by his strong power his pray.