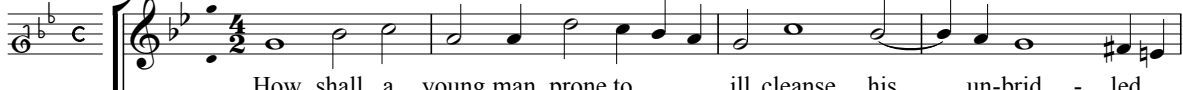




How shall a young man prone to ill


Psal. 119


William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

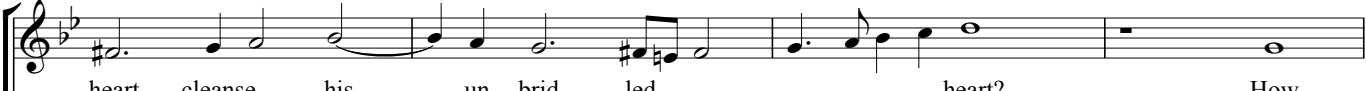
Superius [Soprano]  How shall a young man prone to ill, cleanse his un-brid - led

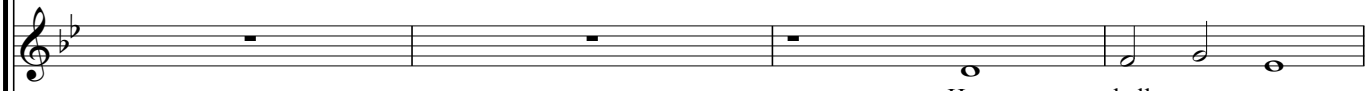
Medius [Alto]  *The first singing part*

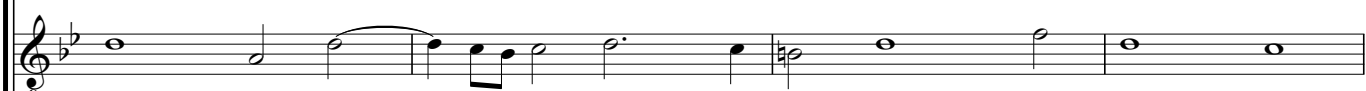
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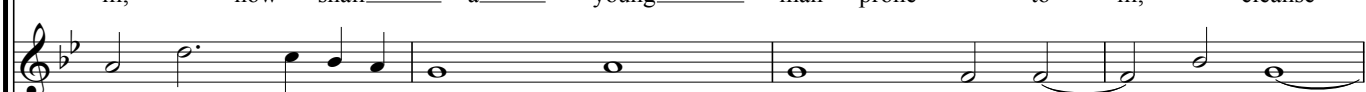
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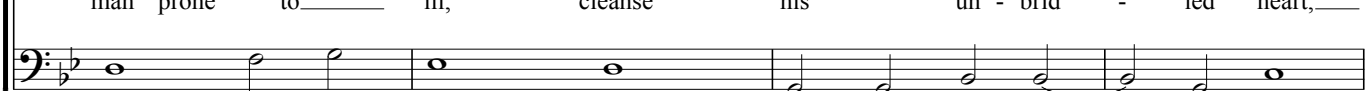
Bassus [Bass] 


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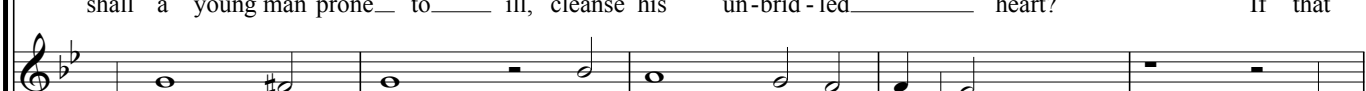
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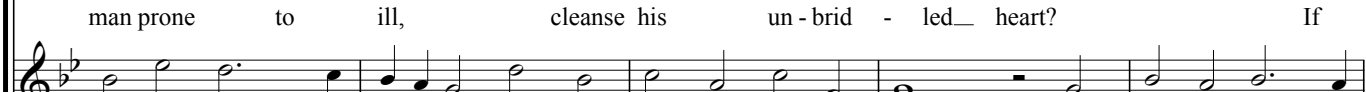
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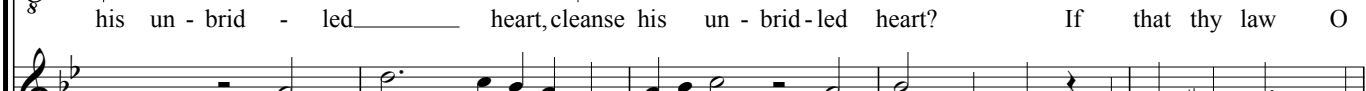
 man prone to ill, cleanse his un - brid - led heart,

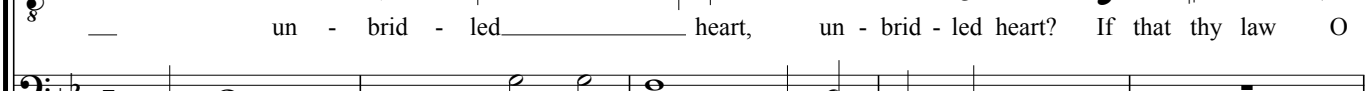
 How shall a young man prone to ill, prone to ill,

10  shall a young man prone to ill, cleanse his un-brid - led heart? If that

 man prone to ill, cleanse his un - brid - led heart? If

 his un - brid - led heart, cleanse his un - brid - led heart? If that thy law O

 un - brid - led heart, un - brid - led heart? If that thy law O

 cleanse his un - brid - led heart, his un - brid - led heart?

thy law O Lord he do, all frail - ty set a - part.

that thy law O Lord he do, all frail - ty set a -

Lord he do, all frail - ty set a - - -

Lord he do, all frail - ty set a - part. Em - brace, em - brace with

If that thy law O Lord he do, all frail - ty set a -

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Em - brace with set - tled mind, and learn thy word

-part. Em - brace with set - tled mind, and learn

-part. Em - brace with set - tled mind, and learn thy word with

set - tled mind, *em - brace with set - tled mind,* with set - tled mind, and

-part. Em - brace with set - tled mind, and learn thy word with care to

with care to keep:

thy word with care to keep: And seek to

care, with care to keep: And seek to find with hum - ble

learn thy word with care to keep, with care to keep, to keep:

keep: And seek to find with hum - ble sprite, with hum - ble

And seek to find with hum - ble sprite, thy judge - ments that are
 find with hum - ble sprite, thy judge - ments that are
 sprite, and seek to find with hum - ble sprite, hum - ble sprite, thy
 And seek to find with hum - ble sprite, thy judge - ments that are deep,
 sprite, and seek to find with hum - ble sprite, with hum - ble sprite,

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 deep, that are deep, thy judge - ments that are
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 judge - ments that are deep, thy judge - ments that are deep, thy judge - ments
 that are deep, thy judge - ments that are deep, are deep, thy
 thy judge - ments that are deep, thy judge - ments

deep. And seek to find with hum - ble sprite, and seek to
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- ble sprite, thy judge - ments that are deep,
find with hum - ble sprite, hum - ble sprite, thy judge - ments that are
with hum - ble sprite, thy judge - ments that are deep, that are
seek to find with hum - ble sprite, with hum - ble sprite, thy judge - ments

are deep, thy judge - ments that are deep.
thy judge - ments that are deep, that are deep.
deep, thy judge - ments that are deep, thy judge - ments that are deep.
deep, thy judge - ments that are deep, are deep, thy judge - ments that are deep.
that are deep, thy judge - ments that are deep.

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| 1. How shall a young man prone to ill,
clense his unbridled heart?
If that thy law, O Lord hee doe,
all frailtie set apart. | 3. Thy woord O Lord, within my heart,
least I should thee offend:
I have laid up as treasure great,
for that shall mee defend. | 6. For in the way of thy precepts,
I set my whole delight:
No wealth, no treasure of the world,
so precious in my sight. |
| Embrace with settled minde, and learne
thy word with care to keepe:
And search to find with humble spirit,
thy judgements that are deepe. | 4. The Lord is blest, hee shall me teach,
the judgements of his mouth,
Thereby to rule and dresse the waies,
of my untamed youth. | 7. What thou command'st I will think on,
With diligent respect:
And to thy lawes have due regard,
for they shall mee protect. |
| 2. With my whole heart I have thee sought,
and searched out thy way:
O suffer not that from thy word,
I swarve or goe astray. | 5. Thy laws therefore in open place,
my lippes shall ever sound:
And never faile to shew forth that,
to which thou hast mee bound. | 8. In thy precepts O Lord, my soule
her whole delight hath set:
Thy words therefore more pure than gold,
I never will forget. |

Source: William Byrd, *Psalmes, Sonets, & songs of sadnes and pietie* (London, 1588), no.4.

Text: Anonymous metrical version of Psalm 119: 9-16

6-12, all voices: *unbridled* only singable as set if the final syllable is pronounced (in the Elizabethan manner) led rather than the modern ^old. Variouslly printed as *unbridled* and *unbrid'led*, with no apparent difference in required pronunciation.

I.11-12: underlay unclear: *brid* *led* also possible.

Numbering of stanzas above as in all printed sources.

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