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Peterborough Old (Psalm 8)

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Cantus
1. O God our Lord how wonderful Are Thy works everywhere, Whose fame surmounts in dignity Above the heavens clear.

Medius
2. E'en by the mouths of sucking babes Thou wilt confound Thy foes; For in these babes Thy might is seen, Thy graces they disclose.

Tenor
3. And when I see the heavens high, The works of Thine own hands, The sun, the moon, and all the stars, In order as they stand.

Bassus

4. What thing is man, Lord, think I then,
That Thou dost remember?
Or what is man's posterity,
That Thou it consider?

5. For Thou hast made him little less
Than angels in degree;
And Thou hast crowned him also
With glory and dignity.

6. Thou hast preferred him to be lord
Of Thy works of wonder,
And at his feet hast set all things
That he should keep under.

7. As sheep and neat, and all beasts else,
That in the fields do feed;
Fowls of the air, fish of the sea,
And all that therein breed.

8. Therefore I must say once again,
O God that art our Lord,
How famous and how wonderful
Are Thy works throughout the world!

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All notes half value of original. Measure 3, *Cantus*: first note (A) is whole, not half as written.