

Psalm 32 (Kings)

Thomas Sternhold, 1547
87. 87. / 86. 86.

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Cantus

1. That man is blest whose wickedness The Lord hath clean remitted: And he whose sin and wrechedness Is hid and also covered.

Medius

2. And blest is he to whom the Lord Imputeth not his sin: Which in his heart hath hid no guile, Nor fraud is found therein.

Tenor

3. For while I kept close my sin, In silence and constraint, My bones did wear and waste away, With daily moan and plaint.

Bassus

4. For night and day thy hand on me
So grievous was and smart:
That all my blood and humors moist
To dryness did convert.

6. The humble man should pray therefore,
And seek thee in good time:
So that the floods of water great
Shall have no power on him.

8. Come hither, and I shall thee teach,
How thou shalt walk upright:
And will thee guide, as I myself
Have learned by proof and sight.

10. The wicked man shall manifold
Sorrows and grief sustain:
But unto him that trusts in God,
His goodness shall remain.

5. I did therefore confess my fault,
And all my sins discover:
Then thou, O Lord, did me forgive,
And all my sins pass over:

7. When trouble and adversity
Did compass me about,
Thou art my refuge and my joy,
And thou dost rid me out.

9. Be not so rude and ignorant,
As is the horse or mule,
Whose mouth without a rein or bit,
From harm thou canst not rule.

11. Be merry, therefore, in the Lord,
Ye just, lift up your voice:
And ye of pure and perfect heart,
Be glad and eke rejoice.

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1. All notes hlf value of original.
2. Measure 4, *Medius*: last note changed from B-natural to B-flat.
3. Measure 4: last note in all parts changed from double-whole to eighth-note and dotted-whole, to adjust to meter of some stanzas of lyrics.
4. Stanzas 1 and 5 have meter 87. 87; but the rest are 86. 86 (to use the dashed ties).