

# Peterborough Old (Psalm 8)

Thomas Sternhold, 1547  
86. 86. (C. M.)

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*The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1621.

D minor  
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Cantus  
1. O God our Lord how won - der - ful      Are Thy works eve - ry-where,

Medius  
2. E'en by the mouths of suck - ing babes      Thou wilt con-found Thy foes;

Tenor  
3. And when I see the hea - vens high,      The works of Thine own hands,

Bassus

Tr.  
Whose fame sur-mounts in dig - ni - ty      A - bove the hea - vens clear.

M.  
For in these babes Thy might is seen,      Thy gra - ces they dis - close.

T.  
The sun, the moo, and all the stars,      In or - der as they stand.

B.

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

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.

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

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

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.

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