

O Lord rebuke me not

Penitential psalm for four voices
Music by Christopher Tye (c.1505–c.1572)

O Lord re - buke me not in thine in - dig - na - ti - on,
O Lord re - buke me not in thine in - dig - na - ti - on, nei -
O Lord re - buke me not in thine in - dig - na - ti - on, nei - ther
O Lord re - buke me not in thine in - dig - na - ti - on, nei - ther cha - sten

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nei - ther cha - sten me, nei - ther cha - sten me in thy dis -
ther cha - sten me, nei - ther cha - sten me in thy dis -
cha - sten me, nei - ther cha - sten me, nei - ther cha - sten me in thy dis -
me, nei - ther cha - sten me in thy dis -

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plea - sure. Have mer - cy up - on me, O Lord, for I am
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weak; O Lord heal me, for my bones are vex-ed. My soul al -

weak; O Lord heal me, for my bones are vex-ed. My soul al -

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so is sore trou-ble, my soul al-so is sore trou-ble, but Lord how

so is sore trou-ble, my soul al-so is sore trou-ble, but Lord how

so is sore trou-ble, my soul al-so is sore trou-ble, but Lord how

so is sore trou-ble, my soul al-so is sore trou-ble, but Lord how

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long wilt thou pun-ish me? Turn thee, O Lord and de-li-ver my soul; O

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save me, O save me for thy mer - cy's sake. For in death no man re -

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mem - b'reth thee, and who will give thee thanks in the pit? I am wea - ry

mem - b'reth thee, and who will give thee thanks in the pit? I am wea - ry

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of my groan - ing, e - ve - ry night wash I my bed

of my groan - ing, e - ve - ry night wash I my bed

of my groan - ing, e - ve - ry night wash I my bed and

of my groan - ing, e - ve - ry night wash I my bed and

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and wa - ter my couch with my tears. My beau - ty is gone for ve - ry

and wa - ter my couch with my tears. My beau - ty is gone for ve - ry

wa - ter my couch with my tears. My beau - ty is gone for ve - ry

wa - ter my couch with my tears. My beau - ty is gone for ve - ry

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trou - ble, and worn a - way be - cause of all mine e - ne - mies. A -

trou - ble, and worn a - way be - cause of all mine e - ne - mies. A - way from

trou - ble, and worn a - way be - cause of all mine e - ne - mies. A - way from

trou - ble, and worn a - way be - cause of all mine e - ne - mies. A - way from me, a -

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A - way from me all ye that work va - ni - ty; for the Lord hath heard the

way from me all ye that work va - ni - ty;

me, a - way from me all ye that work va - ni - ty; for the Lord hath heard the

way from me all ye that work va - ni - ty; for the Lord hath heard the

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voice of my weep - ing, the Lord hath heard my pe - ti - ti - on,
 voice of my weep - ing, the Lord hath heard my pe - ti - ti - on,
 voice of my weep - ing, the Lord hath heard my pe - ti - ti - on,

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on, the Lord
 on, the Lord will re - ceive my pray - er, the Lord will re - ceive my
 the Lord will re - ceive my pray - er, the Lord will re - ceive my pray - er, re -

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prayer. All mine enemies
 receive my prayer. All mine

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shall be con - found - ed, all mine e-ne-mies shall be con-found-ed and sore vex - ed;
 e-ne-mies shall be con- found - ed, all mine e-ne-mies shall be con-found - ed and sore vex - ed;

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they shall be turn - ed back and ___ put to shame sud - den - ly, they shall be
 they shall be turn - ed back and ___ put to shame sud - den - ly, they shall be

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turn - ed back and put to shame ___ sud - den - ly. A - men.
 turn - ed back and put to shame ___ sud - den - ly. A - men.

TEXTUAL COMMENTARY

Sources:

Cq G.4.17 ('Doctor Tye'); *Lbl* Add. MSS 30480–83 (anon.)

- I 30480 (inc.)
- II 30481 (inc.)
- III G.4.17, 30482
- IV 30483

Words: Ps. 6 (complete; the first of the seven Penitential Psalms), Great Bible version

Readings:

- 2 II 3 stem cancelled
- 13 III 2–3 *a g b g m.ccc* (G.4.17)
- 37 II 3 stem cancelled
- 37 III 1 accidental om. (G.4.17)
- 37 IV 2 stem cancelled
- 39 II 1 dot om.
- 43 III 1 *g* (30482, where *g* also signalled by preceding direct)
- 44 II 1 stem cancelled
- 46 I 3 sharp (i.e. natural) signed
- 47 III 2–3 *e m* (G.4.17)
- 48.2–49.1 III 'washing' (30482)
- 49 IV 1–2 'washing'
- 59 II 2 sharp placed before 59.1
- 61.2–62.3 III 'all ye that work vanity' (G.4.17)
- 62 III 2 *a a cc* (G.4.17)
- 63 I 4 sharp placed before 63.1
- 66 III 3–4 *a s*. (G.4.17)
- 70 III 1–2 ligated (30482)
- 77 III 1 *e e ss* (G.4.17)
- 84 III 5 *d d cc* (G.4.17)
- 85 III 3–4 *d s* (G.4.17)
- 86 III 4 *f m* (30482)
- 91 III 3 accidental om. (G.4)
- 95 III 1 flat signed (30482)

Continuations of words:

I

...will receive my prayer, the Lord will receive my prayer. All mine enemies shall be confounded, all mine enemies shall be confounded and sore vexed; they shall be turned back and put to shame suddenly, they shall be turned back and put to shame suddenly. Amen.

II

for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping, the Lord hath heard my petition, the Lord will receive my prayer, the Lord will receive my prayer. All mine enemies shall be confounded, all mine enemies shall be confounded and sore vexed; they shall be turned back and put to shame suddenly, they shall be turned back and put to shame suddenly. Amen.