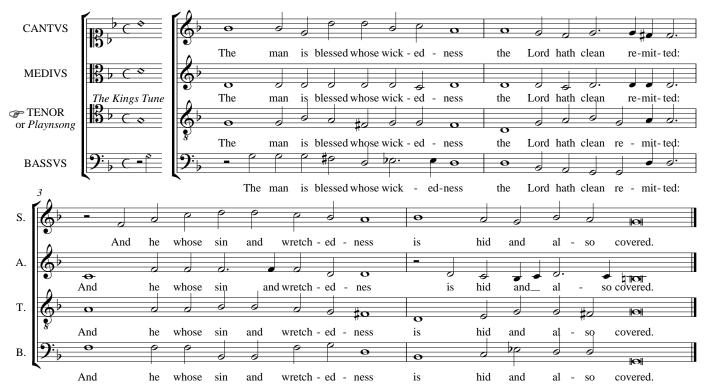
The man is blest whose wickednesse

The Whole Booke of Psalms (1621), Psalme 32

Thomas RAVENSROFT (1590-1633)



 And blessed is he to whom the Lord imputeth not his sin:
Which in his heart hath hid no guile, nor fraud is found therein.

3. For whilst that I kept close my sin, in silence and constraint: My bones did wear and waste away with daily moan and plaint.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. 5. I did therefor confess my fault, and all my sins discover: Then thou O Lord didst me forgive, and all my sins pass over.6. The humble man shall pray therefor, and seek thee in due time: So that the floods of water great shall have no power on him.

7.When trouble an adversity, do compass me about: Thou art my refuge and my joy, and thou dost rid me out. -> 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.

9. Be not so (rude) and ignorant, as is the Horse and Mule,Whose mouth without a reign or bit from harm thou canst not rule.10. The wicked man shall manifold sorrows and grief sustain:But unto him that trusts in God, his goodness shall remain.

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

Critical notes: This setting is similar to the one of Psalm 86; text somewhat modernised.