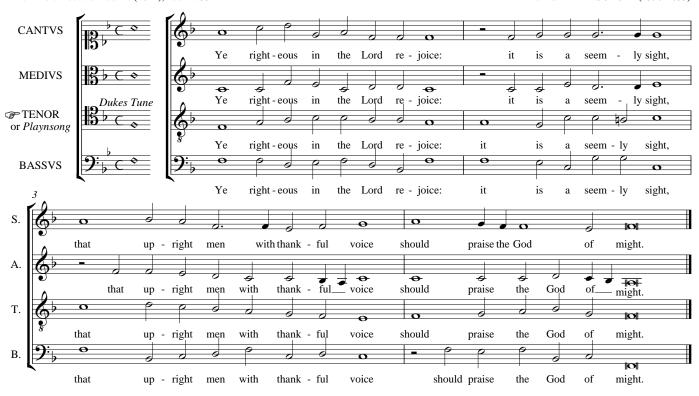
Yee righteous in the Lord reioyce

The Whole Booke of Psalms (1621), Psalme 33

Thomas RAVENSCROFT (1590-1633)



- 2. Praise ye the Lord with Harp and song in Psalms and pleasant things: With Lute and Instruments among, that soundeth with ten strings.
- 3. Sing to the Lord a song most new, with courage give him praise:
 4. For why, his word is ever true, his works and all his ways.
 5. To judgement, equity, and right he hath a great good will:
 And with his gifts he doth delight

the earth throughout to fill.

- 6. For by the word of God alone the heavens all were wrought: Their hosts and powers every one his breath to pass hath brought.7. The waters great gathered hath he on heaps within the shore: And hid them in the depth to be as in a house of stone.
- 8. All men on earth both least and most fear God and keep his law:
 Ye that inhabite in each coast, dread him and stand in awe.
 9. What he commanded wrought it was at once with present speed:
 What he doth will is brought to pass with full effect indeed.

10. The councils of the nationes rude the Lord doth bring to nought: He doth defeat the multitude of their devise and thought.

11. But his decrees continue still, they never slake or swage:
The motions of his mind and will, take place in every age.

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- 12. And blessed are they to whom the Lord as God and guide is known:Whom he doth choose of mere accord to take them as his own.13. The Lord from heaven cast his sight on men mortal by birth:Considering from his seat of might the dwellers on the earth.
- 14. The Lord (I say) whose hand hath wrought mans heart and doth is frame15. For he alone doth know the thought, and working of the same.16. A King that trusteth in his host shall nought prevail at length:The man that of his might doth boast shall fall for all his strength.

- 17. The troops of horsemen eke shall fail their sturdy Steeds shall sterve:
 The strength of horse shall not prevail the rider to preserve.
 18. But lo thee eyes of God intend, ans watch to aid the just:
 With such as fear him to offend, and on his goodness trust.
- 19. That he of death and all distress may set their souls from dread:
 And if that death their land oppress, in hunger them to feed.
 Wherefor our souls do still depend on God our strength and stay:
 He is the shield us to defend, and drive all darts away.
- 21. Our soul in God hath joy and game, rejoicing in his might:
 For why? in his most holy name we hope and have delight.
 22. Therefor let thy goodness O Lord, still present with us be:
 As we always with one accord, do only trust in thee.

Critical notes:

This setting is similar to the one of Psalm 87; text somewhat modernised.