

Great is the Lord

The Whole Booke of Psalms (1621), Psalme 48

John TOMKINS (1586-1638)

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2. Mount Sion is a pleasant place,
it gladdeth all the Land:
The City of the mighty King,
on het North-side doth stand.

3. Within the palaces thereof,
God is a refuge known:
For lo the kings were gathered, and
together eke were gone.

4. But when they did behold it so,
they wondered, and they were
Astonished much, and suddenly,
were driven back with fear.

5. Great terror there on them did fall,
for very woe they cry:
As doth a woman when she shall,
go travell by and by.
6. As thou with Eastern wind the ships
upon the Sea doth break:
So were they stayed, and even as
we heard our fathers speak,

7. So in the City of our God,
we saw it was so told:
Yea, in the City which our God,
for ever will uphold.

8. O Lord we wait and do attend,
on thy good help and grace:
For which I do all times attend,
within thy holy place.

9. O Lord according to thy name,
for ever is thy praise:
And thy right hand O Lord is full,
of righteousness always.
10. Let for thy judgements Sion mount,
fulfilled be with joys:
And eke of Juda grant (O Lord)
the daughter to rejoice.

11. Go walk about all Sions hill,
yea, round about her go:
And tell the towers that tereupon
are builded on a row.
12. And mark you well her bulwarks all,
behold her towers there:
That ye may tell thereof to them,
that after shall be here.

13. For this God is our God, our God
for evermore is he:
Yea, and unto the death also,
our guider shall he be.

Critical notes:

this setting is similar (although not the same) to Psalm 40 & 143;
Text somewhat modernised.