

# The foolish man

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - *Psalm 53*

Thomas RAVENSCROFT (1590 - 1633)

CANTUS  
ALTO  
TENOR  
or Playnsong  
BASS

*Chichester Tune*

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2. They are corrupt and they also  
a heinous work have wrought:  
Among them all there is not one,  
of good that worketh ought.

3. The Lord looked down on sons of men  
from heaven all abroad:  
To see if any were that would  
be wise, and seek for God.

4. They are all gone out of the way,  
they are corrupted all:  
There is no one doth any good,  
there is not one at all.

5. Do not all wicked workers know  
that they do feed upon  
My people as they feed on bread?  
the Lord they call not on.

6. Even there they were afraid and stood  
with trembling all dismayed:  
Whereas there was no cause at all  
why they should be afraid.

7. For God his bones that thee besieged  
hath scattered all abroad:  
Thou hast confounded them, for they  
rejected are of God.

8. O Lord give thou thy people health,  
and thou O Lord fulfill  
Thy promise made to Israel,  
from out of Sion hill.

9. When God his people shall restore,  
that earst was captive led:  
Then Jacob shall therein rejoyce,  
and Israel shall be glad.

## Critical notes:

This setting is similar to the one of Psalms 22 & 110;  
text somewhat modernised.