

O Lord that heaven dost possesse

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - Psalme 123

Thomas RAVENSCROFT (1590-1633)

CANTVS

MEDIVS

TENOR
op *Playnsong*

BASSVS

Windsor or Eaton Tune

O Lord that hea - ven dost poss - ess, I lift mine eyes to thee:

O Lord that hea - vens dost poss - ess, I lift mins eyes to thee:

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S.

A.

T.

B.

Even as the ser - vant lif - ted his, his mais - ters hands to see.

Even as the ser - vant lif - ted his, his mais - ters hands to see.

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Even as the ser - vant lif - ted his, his mais - ters hands to see.

2. As handmaids watch their mistress hands,
some grace for to achieve:
So we behold the Lord our God,
till he do us forgive.

3. Lord grant us thy compassion,
and mercy in thy sight:
For we are filled and overcome
with hatred en despite.

4. Our minds be stuffed with great rebuke,
the rich and worldly wise:
Do make of us their mocking flock,
the proud do us despise.

Critical notes:

The setting is similar to the ones of Psalms 62, 85 & 108;

Tenor bar 4, note 1: the \flat is (unnecessarily) in the original and has been made 'editorial' here;

Text somewhat modernised.