

Prostrate, O Lord, I lie

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius (part 1 of 5)

Dow Partbooks (Christ Church, 1580s, Oxford MSS 984-988)

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, treble clef, and C major. The lyrics are written below the notes. Measure numbers 4, 5, 1, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, and 62 are indicated above the staff.

Lyrics:

- 4-5 Pro-strate O Lord,
- 10 Pro - strate O Lord, I lie,
- 15 be - hold be-hold me Lord, with pi - ty.
- 20 Stop not thine ears a -
against my cry,
- 25 my sad and mour-ning dit - ty,
Breath'd from an
- 30 in-ward soul, from heart heart - ly con - trite;
- 35 an of-fering sweet, a sa -
- cri-fice in thy high hea - ven - ly sight,
- 40 in thy high hea - ven - ly sight.
- 62

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Medius (part 2 of 5)

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The image shows a musical score consisting of six staves of music for Treble clef. The music is in common time. Measure numbers are indicated above the staves at various points: 2, 5, #, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, and 62. The notation includes various note values (eighth notes, sixteenth notes, etc.) and rests. Measure 62 is marked with a repeat sign and a double bar line, indicating a return to a previous section.

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2 5 #

10

15

20

25

30

35

6
2

40

45

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5

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10

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35

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5

1 10
15
20
25 1 30
35
6 2
40

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Tenor (part 4 of 5)

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The musical score consists of six staves of music for the Tenor part. The music is in common time (indicated by 'C'). The key signature changes throughout the piece, starting in C major, moving through F major, G major, D major, and finally E major. Measure numbers are indicated above the staff at various points: 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40. The notation includes various note values (eighth notes, sixteenth notes), rests, and dynamic markings. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines.

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The musical score consists of six staves of music for the Tenor part. The music is in common time (indicated by 'C'). The key signature changes throughout the piece, indicated by various sharps and flats. Measure numbers are marked above the staff at regular intervals. The first staff begins with a sharp sign. The second staff begins with a flat sign. The third staff begins with a sharp sign. The fourth staff begins with a flat sign. The fifth staff begins with a sharp sign. The sixth staff begins with a sharp sign. Measure numbers 1 through 40 are marked above the staves. Measure 41 ends with a fermata over the final note.

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Bassus (part 5 of 5)

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The musical score consists of six staves of basso continuo music. The first staff begins with a forte dynamic and includes measure numbers 1 through 5. The subsequent staves are numbered 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35. Measure 30 starts with a change in key signature to G major (one sharp). Measure 35 begins with a change in key signature to E major (two sharps). Measure 40 features a common time signature. Measure 45 concludes with a final cadence. The music is composed of eighth and sixteenth note patterns, with various rests and dynamic markings.