

O Lord how long wilt thou forget

Psal. 13

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius
[Soprano]

Medius
[Tenor]
The first singing part

Contratenor
[Alto]

Tenor
[Tenor]

Bassus
[Bass]

O Lord,
O Lord,
O Lord, how long wilt thou for - get, for - get,
O Lord, how long wilt thou for - get,
O Lord, how

O Lord, O Lord, how long wilt thou for -
O Lord, O Lord, how long wilt
O Lord, how long wilt thou for - get, how long wilt thou for - get, for -
how long wilt thou for - get, O Lord, how long wilt
long wilt thou for - get, O Lord, O Lord, how long wilt

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get, to send me some re - lief, re - lief? For ev - er
thou for - get, to send me some re - lief?
- get, to send me some re - lief? For ev - er wilt thou hide thy
thou for - get, to send me some re - - lief? For ev -
thou for - get to send me some re - lief? For ev - er

wilt thou hide thy face, and so in - crease my grief, and so in - crease my

For ev - er wilt thou hide thy face, and so in - crease my

face, hide thy face, and so in - crease my grief, my

-er wilt thou hide thy face, and so in - crease my grief?

wilt thou hide thy face, and so in - crease my

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my grief? How long shall I with vex - ed heart,

grief? How long shall I, with vex - ed heart,

grief? How long shall I with vex - ed heart, vex - ed heart, how long shall

How long shall I, shall I, with vex - ed heart, seek

grief? How long shall I with vex - ed heart, with vex - ed heart,

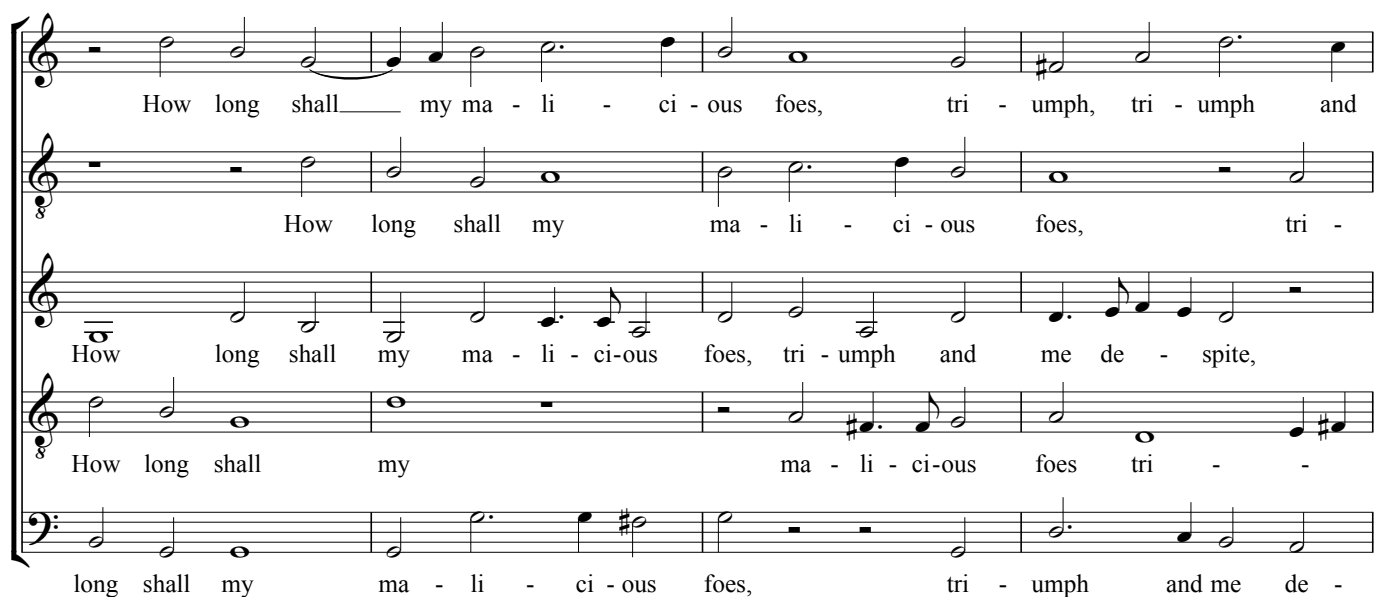
seek coun - sel in my sprite, seek coun - sel in my sprite?

- ed heart, seek coun - sel in my sprite?

I with vex - ed heart, seek coun - sel in my sprite?

coun - sel in my sprite, seek coun - sel in my sprite?

seek coun - sel in my sprite? How



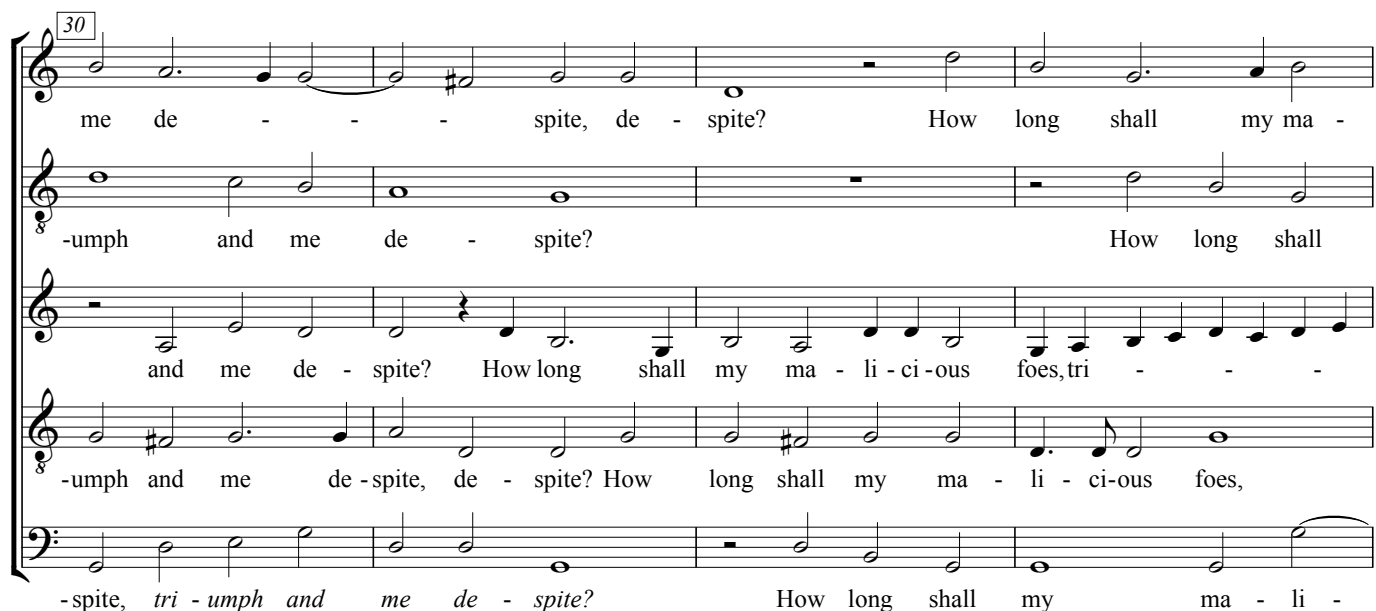
How long shall my ma - li - ci - ous foes, tri - umph, tri - umph and

How long shall my ma - li - ci - ous foes, tri -

How long shall my ma - li - ci - ous foes, tri - umph and me de - spite,

How long shall my ma - li - ci - ous foes tri -

long shall my ma - li - ci - ous foes, tri - umph and me de -



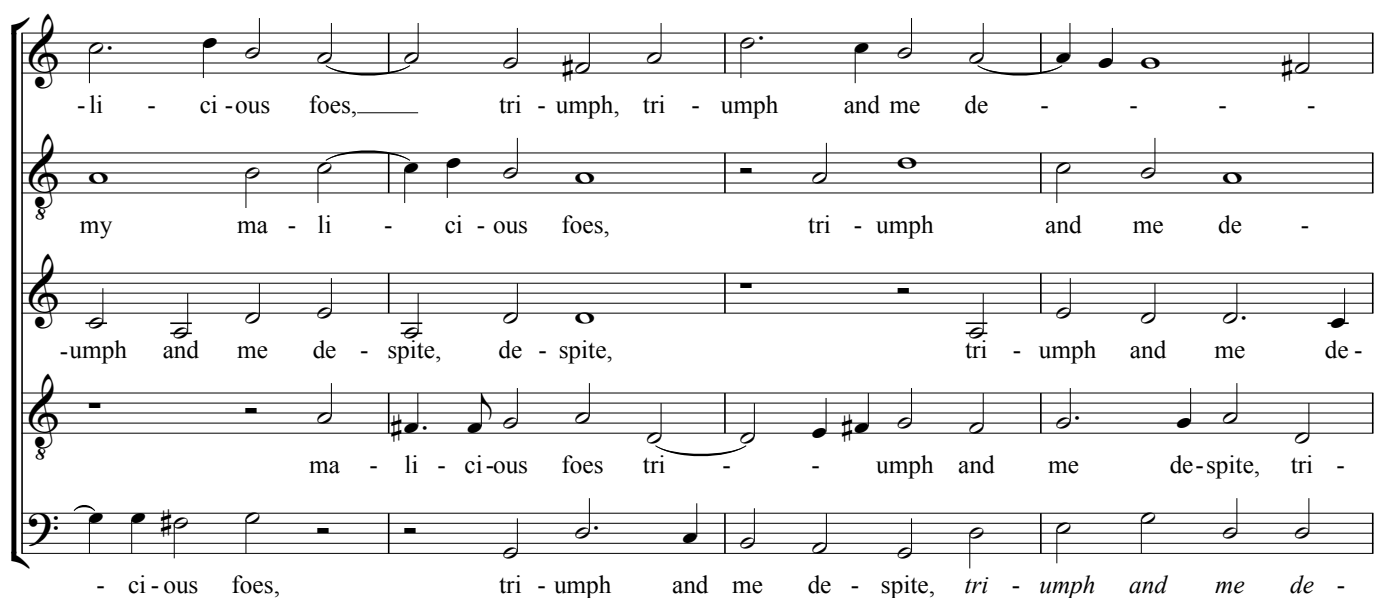
me de - - - spite, de - spite? How long shall my ma -

-umph and me de - spite? How long shall

and me de - spite? How long shall my ma - li - ci - ous foes, tri -

-umph and me de - spite, de - spite? How long shall my ma - li - ci - ous foes,

-spite, tri - umph and me de - spite? How long shall my ma - li -



-li - ci - ous foes, tri - umph, tri - umph and me de - - -

my ma - li - ci - ous foes, tri - umph and me de -

-umph and me de - spite, de - spite, tri - umph and me de -

ma - li - ci - ous foes tri - - - umph and me de - spite, tri -

- ci - ous foes, tri - umph and me de - spite, tri - umph and me de -

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-spite, tri - umph and me de - spite, and me de - - - spite?

-spite, tri - umph and me de - - - spite?

-spite, and me de - - - spite, tri - umph and me de - spite?

-umph and me de - spite, tri - umph and me de - spite?

-spite, tri - umph and me de - spite, and me de - - - spite?

Source: William Byrd, *Psalmes, Sonets, & songs of sadnes and pietie* (London, 1588), no.5.
 Text: Anonymous metrical version of Psalm 13

IV.24 Underlay crowded

1. O Lord, how long wilt thou forget,
 to send mee some relife,
 For ever wilt thou hide thy face,
 and so increase my grieffe?
2. How long shall I with vexed heart,
 seeke counsell in my spirit?
 How long shall my malicious foes,
 triumph and mee despite?
3. Lord my God, heare my complaint,
 uttered with wofull breath:
 Lighten mine eyes, defend my lyfe,
 that I sleep not in death.
4. Least that mine enemy say, I have
 against him loe prevayl'd:
 At my downfall they will rejoyce,
 that thus have mee assayl'd.
5. But in thy mercie Lord I trust,
 for that shall mee defend:
 My heart doth joye, to see the help,
 which thou to mee wilt send.
6. Unto the Lord therefore I sing,
 and do lift up my voyce:
 And for his goodnesse shew'd to mee,
 I will alway rejoyce.

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