## John Connould



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Psalm 72 v.1-3,6-11,15 and Hallelujahs.


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## Text:

Give the King thy judgements, O Lord:
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
Then shall he judge the people according unto right:
and defend the poor.

The mountains also shall bring peace: and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

He shall come down like rain into the fleece of wool: ev'n as the drops that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish:
and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

His dominion shall be also from one sea to the other: and from the flood unto the world's end.

They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him:
his enemies shall lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and of the Isles shall bring presents: the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.
All kings shall fall down before him:
all nations shall do him service.

He shall live, and unto him shall be giv'n of the gold of Arabia:
prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

Hallelujah.

Notes:

Bar lengths have been standardised.
Note values have not been halved.
All accidentals and markings in brackets are editorial.
Spelling and grammar has been modernised, but the original text setting has not been changed.

The organ book associated with this anthem is currently missing. At the time of writing, no sources containing Connould's organ writings are known to survive. The editor has reconstructed the organ part, using accompaniments by contemporary local composers as a guide. Particular reference was made to works by Richard Ayleward and John Jackson, prominent composers at Norwich Cathedral where Connould was Precentor. Connould was likely very familiar with the music of both composers, and there is even some suggestion that the three composers collaborated to some degree.

The harmony of the trio sections is largely complete. As a result, the editor has assumed that the accompaniment would only play in at most three parts in these sections. The editor has only filled out the harmony in these sections when it seems absolutely necessary. This is in order to preserve the interplay between the three voices.

In the passages for single voice, and where the organ plays alone, the editor has written the accompaniment in four parts. The accompaniment in the choruses is written in five parts, doubling the vocal parts. This is in keeping with several contemporary local accompaniments which have passages that are written out in detail.

The accompanist should feel free to play the accompaniment provided, or to improvise one of their own upon the bass, as may have been the custom of accompanists using the original organ book.

At the time Connould was writing, notation styles at Norwich were going through a transitional phase. Composers were moving away from using mensural notation, moving towards a more modern style. Connould appears to be on the progressive end of this trend. His use of short note values implies a shift away from the beat structures associated with mensural notation. This presents an interpretation problem for modern performance, since there is some ambiguity about the tempi and tacti of works written at Norwich during this period. Based on analysing this work and others written by local contemporaries, the editor has some suggestions for modern performers. The editor suggests that the tactus of the duple time sections is a slow minim, or fast crotchet. By contrast, the tactus of the triple time sections is suggested to be a slow dotted semibreve, or fast minim. The standard tempo changes between duple and triple time sections for works written in the mensural style do not appear to function effectively for this work, resulting in some material that is very fast, or very slow. The editor suggests that the duration of the crotchet in duple time sections is the same as the minim in triple time sections. In other words, a transition from duple to triple time employs $d=d$, and the reverse from triple to duple time.

The arms on the cover of this edition are those of the composer, taken from a memorial tablet to John Connould in St. Steven's, Norwich, where he was vicar. The elements of the arms were taken from public-domain sources where necessary. The arms is described in detail in 'The Church Heraldry of Norfolk' (Rev. Edmund Farrer, published by Agas H. Goose, Norwich, 1893).

This edition is thankfully dedicated to M.E.F.B..

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