

Bow down thine ear, O Lord

Psalm 86:1, 3-6, 8, 10-11

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
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Verse

The musical score is arranged in five systems. The first system shows the vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and the Continuo staff. The Soprano part begins with a whole note 'Bow' in the third measure. The Continuo part provides a harmonic accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal parts with the lyrics: 'down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor and in mi-se-ry,'. The Alto part has a whole note 'Bow' in the second measure. The Continuo part continues with a similar accompaniment. The third system shows the vocal parts with the lyrics: 'Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me:'. The Soprano part has a whole note 'Bow' in the fourth measure. The Continuo part continues with a similar accompaniment.

Time signatures and bass figures original; continuo realization editorial. Editorial accidentals in small type. Spelling, punctuation, barring, and beaming regularized and modernized.

mm. 1-3, organ: upper voice of bottom staff original.

mm. 9-10, 18 and 99, alto: small notes are ossias for a modern SATB choir without countertenors.

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for I am poor and in mi - se-ry, am poor and in mi - se-ry,
 bow down thine ear, O
 down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor and in mi - se -
 and in

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear

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-ry, bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me, hear me, for I am
 Lord, and hear me, for I am poor and in mi - se-ry,
 -ry, in mi - se - ry, bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me, and
 me: for I am poor and in mi - se-ry, for I am poor

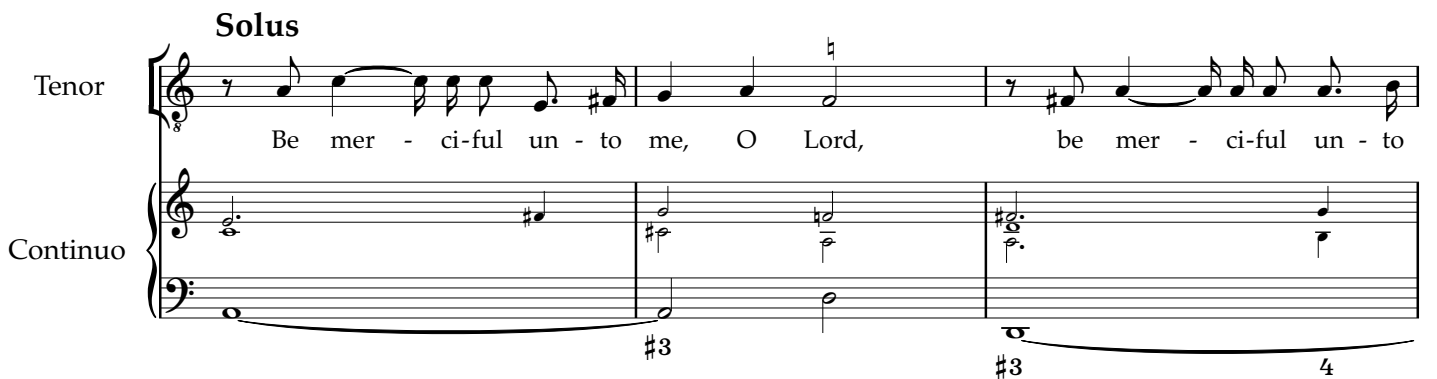
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poor, am poor and in mi-se-ry, I am poor and in mi-se-ry.
 for I am poor and in mi-se-ry, and in mi-se-ry.
 hear me, for I am poor and in mi-se-ry.
 and in mi-se-ry, I am poor and in mi-se-ry.

Solus

Tenor



Be mer-ci-ful un-to me, O Lord, be mer-ci-ful un-to

Continuo

#3 #3 4

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me, O Lord: for I will call, will call dai-ly up-on thee.

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Com-fort the soul of thy ser-vant, com-fort the soul

of thy ser - vant: for un - to thee do I lift up my soul,

For thou,
for un - to thee do I lift up, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good and
Lord, art good and gra - cious: and of great mer-cy un - to
And of great mer-cy un - to all them that call up - on thee.
For thou, Lord, art

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gra - cious: and of great mer - cy un - to all them that call up - on thee,
 all them that call up - on thee, for thou, Lord, art good, for thou,
 for thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mer - cy un - to
 good and gra - cious, and of great mer - cy un - to all them that

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and of great mer - cy un - to all them that call up - on thee, and of great
 Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mer - cy un - to all them that
 all them that call up - on thee, that call up - on thee, un - to
 call up - on thee, for thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great

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mer - cy un - to all them that call, that call up - on thee.
 call up - on thee, un - to all them that call up - on thee.
 all them that call up - on thee, that call up - on thee.
 mer - cy un - to all them that call, that call up - on thee.

45 **Chorus**

For thou, Lord, art good and gra - cious, and of great
 For thou, Lord, art good, art good and gra - - ci - ous, and
 For thou, Lord, art good and gra - cious,
 For thou, Lord, art good and gra - cious, and of great mer - cy un - to all

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mer-cy un-to all them that call, that call up-on thee.
 of great mer-cy un-to all them that call, that call up-on thee.
 and of great mer-cy un-to all them that call up-on thee.
 them that call, that call up-on thee.

Vers[e] solus

Bass
 A-mong the gods there is none like un-to thee, there is none,
 Continuo
 no, none like un-to thee, there is not one that can do as thou
 dost, for thou art great and dost wondrous things, and dost wondrous things,
 and dost wondrous things, and dost wondrous things.

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no, none like un-to thee, there is not one that can do as thou
 dost, for thou art great and dost wondrous things, and dost wondrous things,
 and dost wondrous things, and dost wondrous things.

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dost, for thou art great and dost wondrous things, and dost wondrous things,
 and dost wondrous things, and dost wondrous things.

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- drous things, thou, thou art God a -

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- lone, thou, thou art God a - lone.

66 **Vers[e] 4 voc.**

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth, teach

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy

Teach me thy way, O

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and I will walk in thy truth, teach me thy way, O Lord, _____
 me thy way, O Lord, teach me thy way, O Lord, _____
 truth, teach me thy way, O Lord, _____ and I will walk in thy
 Lord, _____ and I will walk in thy truth, _____ and I will walk in thy

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and I will walk in thy truth: O knit my heart un - to
 and I will walk in thy truth: O knit _____ my heart _____ un - to
 truth: O knit _____ my heart _____ un - to thee, that I may fear, may
 truth: O knit my heart un - to thee,

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thee, O knit my heart un - to thee, that I may fear, may
 thee, O knit my heart un - to thee,
 fear thy Name, O knit my heart un - to thee, O knit
 teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth,

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fear thy Name, teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will
 teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth,
 my heart un - to thee, teach me thy way, O Lord, and
 O knit my heart un - to thee, that I may fear, may

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walk in thy truth, O knit my heart un - - to thee, O knit

that I may fear, may fear thy Name,

I will walk in thy truth, O knit my heart un - to thee, that I may

fear thy Name, O knit my heart un - to

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my heart, my heart un - to thee, that I may fear, may fear thy

O knit my heart, my heart un - to thee, that I may fear, that

fear, may fear thy Name, that I may fear, that I may

thee, that I may fear, may fear thy Name, that I may

Vers[e] & cho[rus]:
 [1st time: Verse
 2nd time: Chorus]

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Name, that I may fear, may fear thy Name. And I will thank thee, O

I may fear, may fear thy Name. And I will thank thee, O

fear, may fear thy Name. And I will thank thee, O

fear, may fear thy Name. And I will thank thee, O

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Lord my God, with all my heart, I will thank thee, O Lord my God,

Lord my God, with all my heart, I will thank thee, O Lord my God,

Lord my God, with all my heart, I will thank thee, O Lord my God,

Lord my God, with all my heart, I will thank thee, O Lord my God,

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with all my heart: and will praise thy Name for ev - er - more, will praise thy Name,
 with all my heart: and will praise thy Name for ev - er - more, will praise thy Name,
 with all my heart: and will praise thy Name for ev - er -
 with all my heart: and will praise thy Name for ev - er - more, will_

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praise thy Name for ev - er - more, will praise thy Name for ev - er - more.
 praise thy Name for ev - er - more, will praise thy Name for ev - er - more.
 -more, praise thy Name for ev - er - more, will praise thy Name for ev - er - more.
 praise thy Name for ev - er - more, will_ praise thy Name for ev - er - more.