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(c.1565-1622)

O God, the rock of my whole strength

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Soprano I
p O God, the rock of my whole

Soprano II
p O God, the rock of my whole strength, of

Alto

Tenor
8 *p* O God, the rock of my whole strength, Let thy sweet mer - cy

Bass

p

Detailed description: This is the first system of a musical score for a five-part vocal setting. It features five vocal staves (Soprano I, Soprano II, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a grand staff for the keyboard. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). A rehearsal mark '5' is placed above the Soprano I staff. The lyrics are: Soprano I: 'O God, the rock of my whole'; Soprano II: 'O God, the rock of my whole strength, of'; Alto: (no lyrics); Tenor: 'O God, the rock of my whole strength, Let thy sweet mer - cy'; Bass: (no lyrics). The keyboard part begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic.

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S
strength, Let thy _____ sweet _____ mer - cy

A
my whole _____ strength, Let my _____ sweet mer- _____ cy soothe

T
8 soothe mine an- _____ guish, Let thy

B
p O God, the rock of

p

Detailed description: This is the second system of the musical score. It continues the vocal parts and the keyboard accompaniment. A rehearsal mark '10' is placed above the Soprano I staff. The lyrics are: Soprano I: 'strength, Let thy _____ sweet _____ mer - cy'; Soprano II: 'my whole _____ strength, Let my _____ sweet mer- _____ cy soothe'; Alto: '*p* O God, the rock of'; Tenor: '8 soothe mine an- _____ guish, Let thy'; Bass: '*p* O God, the rock of'. The keyboard part continues with a piano (*p*) dynamic.

S soothe mine an - guish, *p* let thy sweet

A mine an - guish, *p* mine an - guish, let strength, *p* Let thy sweet mer - cy soothe mine

T 8 sweet mer - cy soothe mine an - guish, *p* let thy sweet

B my whole strength, *p* let thy sweet mer - cy

S mer - cy soothe mine an - guish;

A thy sweet mer - cy soothe mine an - guish; *f* And grant me help O

A an - guish, soothe mine an - guish; *f* And

T 8 mer - cy soothe mine an - guish; *f* And grant me

B soothe mine an - guish;

S *f* And grant me help O Lord. O Lord, at
 Lord, O Lord, at length, and grant me help, O Lord, at
 A grant me help, O Lord O Lord, and grant me help at
 T 8 help, O Lord, O Lord, at length, and grant me help, O
 B *f* And grant me help, O Lord, O

S length, and grant me help, O Lord, at
 A length, O Lord, at length,
 A length, and grant me help, O Lord, O Lord, at
 T 8 Lord, O Lord, at length, and grant me help, O Lord, O
 B Lord, at length, O Lord, at

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S length, *p* Lest that I faint, des - pair, and lan - guish, lest

A *p* Lest that I faint, des - pair, and lan - guish,

T length, *p* Lest that I faint, de - pair, and lan - guish,

B 8 Lord, at length, *p* Lest

length,

40

45

S that I faint, des - pair. and lan - guish, *pp* lest that

A I faint, des - pair, and lan - guish, *pp* lest that I faint, des -

T *p* lest that I faint, des - pair, *pp* and lan - guish,

B 8 that I faint, des - pair, and lan - guish, *pp* lest that I

pp Lest that I faint, des -

S I faint, des - pair, and lan - guish, _____ lest

A pair, and lan- _____ guish, I faint, des - pair, and lan- guish, I

T _____ lest that I faint, des-pair, _____ and lan - guish,

B 8 faint, des-pair, _____ and lan - guish, and lan - guish, lest that

pair, _____ and lan- _____ guish, des -

S that I faint, des - pair, _____ and lan - guish.

A faint, des - pair, and lan- _____ guish.

T _____ lest that I faint, des- pair, and lan - guish.

B 8 I faint, des - pair, des-pair, _____ and lan - guish.

pair, and lan- _____ guish.