

Psalm 70

Henry Lawes (1596–1662)
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The musical score is arranged in four systems. The first system shows the vocal parts: Soprano (Cantus Alto) on a treble clef staff and Tenor (Bass Bassus) on a bass clef staff. The second system shows the keyboard accompaniment with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The third system is labeled 'VERSE 3' and continues the vocal and keyboard parts. The fourth system concludes the piece. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/2.

1 Hast Lord, from such as would devour,
Defend by thy almighty power:
Delay not in so feared an hour.
But let confusion seize on those,
Who seek my soul to shame expose:
Be sudden in their overthrows.

2 Let those with infamy return;
Dejected, and unpitied, mourn;
Who laugh, and blast me with their scorn.
Who love thy name, with joy invest:
Let them in shades of safety feast;
And ever say, the Lord be blessed.

3 But I am poor and full of need:
Hast Lord, deliver me with speed;
Our strength, our help, from thee proceed.

George Sandys (1578–1644)