

# O God my heart prepared is

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - Psalme 108

Thomas RAVENSCROFT (1590-1633)

CANTVS  
MEDIVS  
TENOR  
op Playnsong  
BASSVS

*Windsor or Eaton Tune*

O God my heart pre - pa - red is, and eke my tongue is so:  
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I will ad - vance my voice in song, and gi - ving praise al - so.  
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2. Awake my Viol and my Harp,  
sweet melody to make:  
And in the morning I myself  
right early will awake.

3. By me among the people Lord,  
still praised shalt thou be:  
And I among the heathen folk  
will sing O Lord to thee.

4. Because thy mercy Lord is great  
above the heavens high:  
And eke thy truth doth reach the clouds  
within the lofty sky.

5. Above the starry heavens high,  
exalt thy self O God:  
And Lord display upon the earth  
thy glory all abroad.

6. That thy do rely beloved may  
be set at liberty:  
Help O my God with thy right hand,  
and harken unto me.

7. God in his holiness hath spoke,  
wherefore my joys abound:  
Sichem I will divide, and mete  
the vale of Succoth ground.

8. And Gilead shall be mine own,  
Manasses mine shall be:  
My head-strength Ephraim, and law  
shall Juda give for me.

9. Moab my wash-pot, and my shoe  
on Edom will I throw:  
Upon the land of Palestine,  
in triumph will I go.

10. Who shall into the City strong  
be guide to conduct me:  
Or how by whom to Egypt land,  
conveyed shall I be?

11. Is it not thou O God which late  
hast us forgotten quite?  
And thou O Lord which without host  
didst not go forth to fight.

12. Give us O Lord thy saving aid,  
when troubles do assail?  
For all the help of man is vain,  
and can no whit avail.

13. Through God we shall do valiant acts,  
and worthy of renown:  
He shall subdue our enemies;  
yea, he shall tread them down.

## Critical notes:

The setting is similar to the ones of Psalms 62, 85 & 123;

Text somewhat modernised.