

Not unto us Lord

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - Psalme 115

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Yorke Tune

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3. Why shall the heathen scornors say,
where is their God become?

3. Our God in heaven is, and what
he will, that hath he done.

4. Their Idols silver are and gold,
work of mens hands they be:
5. They have a mouth, and do not speak
and eyes and do not see.
6. And they have ears joined to their heads,
and do not hear at all:
And noses eke they formed have,
and do not smell withal.

7. And hands they have and handle not,
and feet and do not go:
A throat they have, yet through the same
they make no sound to blow.
8. Those that make them, are like to them
and those whose trust they be:
9. O Israel trust in the Lord,
their help and shield is he.

10. O Aarons house trust in the Lord,
their help and shield is he:

11. Trust ye the Lord that fear the Lord
their help and shield is he:

12. The Lord hath mindful been on us,
and will us bless also:
On Israels and on Aarons house
his blessing he will show.

13. Them that be fearers of the Lord,
the Lord will save them all:
Even he will bless them every one,
the great and eke the small.

14. To you (I say) the living Lord,
will multiply his grace:
To you, and to the children that
shall follow of your race.

15. Ye are the blessed of the Lord,
even of the Lord I say,

Which both the heaven and the earth
hath made and set in stay.

16. The heavens, yea, the heavens high,
belong unto the Lord:
The earth unto the sonns of men
he gave of free accord.

17. They that be derad, do not with praise
set forth the Lords renown:
Nor any that into the place
of silence do go down.

18. But we will praise the Lord our God
from henceforth and for aye:
Sound ye the praises of the Lord,
praise ye the Lord I say.

Critical notes:

this setting is similar to the one of Psalm 100b;

the plainchant is the same as Psalms 27 & 66 and 'A Prayer to the Holy Ghost' from the same book;

apparent text error: line 9b is doubled twice in verse 10. The Sternhold & Hopkins Psalter gives
for line 10b: "that still defendeth thee:" and for line 11b "your sure defense is he."

the poor numbering of the verses is in the original; text somewhat modernised