

ANCIENT GROOVE MUSIC

THOMAS FORD

(1580 - 1648)

Almighty God

SATB

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NOTES

*Almighty God, which hast me brought
in safety to this present day,
Keep me from sinne in heart and thought,
and teach me what to doe and say.*

*Prosper me, Lord, in all my workes,
helpe me with thy continuall grace.
Keepe me from Satan vilde that lurkes
to trappe my soule in every place.*

*Almighty Lord and God of love,
direct mine heart and guide my wayes.
Amend my misse, my minde remove
from all that from thy glory straiies.*

Sir William Leighton (c. 1565 - 1622)

This piece appears in an anthology of poetry by Sir William Leighton, *The Teares or Lamentacions of a Sorrowfull Soule*, printed in 1614. Each poem is set to music by a different composer, including William Byrd, Thomas Ford, and Leighton himself. The first verse is laid to the music, and the following verses printed as text, much as in a hymnal. This work is usually published without the second and third verses.

The music includes tablature for lute, cittern and bandora. Viols and a flute double the vocal parts as follows:

Cantus with a treble viol, lute
Altus with a flute, cittern
Tenor with bandora
Bassus with a bass viol

Note values have been halved and presented at original pitch. Small accidentals are used to indicate editorial accidentals; the implicit cancellation of an accidental in the source; and musica ficta. Barlines and cautionary accidentals (shown in brackets) are editorial.

The first repeat and the first time bar (bar 5) are editorial. The first time bar follows previous editions, but the original Cantus part is as the second time bar (bar 6). Performers may choose to include the first repeat, or to ignore it. The repeat from bars 11 to 15 occurs in the original, and has been written out in full.

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Soprano

1. Al - migh - ty God, which hast me brought in safe - ty to this
2. Pros - per me, Lord, in all my works, help me with thy con -
3. Al - migh - ty Lord and God of love, di - rect mine heart and

Alto

1. Al - migh - ty God, which hast me brought in safe - ty to this
2. Pros - per me, Lord, in all my works, help me with thy con -
3. Al - migh - ty Lord and God of love, di - rect mine heart and

Tenor

1. Al - migh - ty God, which hast me brought in safe - ty to this pre -
2. Pros - per me, Lord, in all my works, help me with thy con - tin -
3. Al - migh - ty Lord and God of love, di - rect mine heart and guide -

Bass

1. Al - migh - ty God, which hast me brought in safe - ty to this
2. Pros - per me, Lord, in all my works, help me with thy con -
3. Al - migh - ty Lord and God of love, di - rect mine heart and

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1. pre - sent day, Al - pre - sent day, keep me from sin in heart and
tin - ual grace, Pros - tin - ual grace, keep me from Sa - tan vile that
guide my ways, Al - guide my ways. A - mend my miss, my mind re -

2. pre - sent day, Al - pre - sent day, keep me from sin in heart and
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thought, and teach me what to do and say, keep me from sin in
lurks to trap my soul in ev' - ry place, keep me from Sa - tan
move from all that from thy glo - ry strays, a - mend my miss, my

thought, and teach me what to do and say, keep me from sin in heart
lurks to trap my soul in ev' - ry place, keep me from Sa - tan vile
move from all that from thy glo - ry strays, a - mend my miss, my mind

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thought, and teach me what to do and say, keep me from sin in
lurks to trap my soul in ev' - ry way, keep me from Sa - - - tan
move from all that from thy glo - ry strays, a - mend my miss, my

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move from all that from thy glo - ry strays, a - - - mend my miss, my

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heart and thought, and teach me what to do and say.
vile that lurks to trap my soul in ev' - ry place.
mind re - move from all that from thy glo - ry strays.

and thought, and teach me what to do and say.
that lurks to trap my soul in ev' - ry place.
re - - - - move from all that from thy glo - ry strays.

8

heart and thought, and teach me what to do and say.
vile that lurks to trap my soul in ev' - ry way.
mind re - move from all that from thy glo - ry strays.

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mind re - move from all that from thy glo - ry strays.