



ANCIENT GROOVE MUSIC

Nolo mortem peccatoris

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THOMAS MORLEY
(1557 - 1602)

From *Tristitiae remedium*, 1616, in the hand of Thomas Myriell (BL Add. 29372-5). The text mirrors a twenty-three verse poem written by John Redford in 1540, based on a mediaeval original. Morley is named as the composer, though some doubt has been cast on this attribution, with Redford himself being proposed.

Note values have been halved and the music transposed up a tone. Small accidentals are used to indicate repeated accidentals in the source made unnecessary by modern notation; the implicit cancellation of an accidental in the source; and *musica ficta*. Barlines, slurs and cautionary accidentals (shown in brackets) are editorial. Spelling and punctuation have been modernised.

A musical score for four voices: Cantus, Altus, Tenor, and Bassus. The music is in common time, key signature of one sharp (F#), and tempo is indicated as $\text{♩} = 50$. The vocal parts are arranged vertically from top to bottom: Cantus (soprano), Altus (alto), Tenor, and Bassus (bass). The lyrics are written below each vocal line. The lyrics are:

Cantus: No - lo mor - tem pec - ca - to - ris, no - lo mor-tem pec - ca -
Altus: No - lo mor - tem pec-ca - to - ris, pec - ca - to - - -
Tenor: No - lo mor-tem pec-ca - to - - - ris, pec - ca - to -
Bassus: No - - - lo mor - tem pec - ca -

Continuation of the musical score. The vocal parts are Cantus, Altus, Tenor, and Bassus. The lyrics are:

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to - ris. Haec sunt ver - ba sal - va - to - - - ris. Fa - ther, I am thine on - ly
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son, sent down from heav'n man -
son, sent down from heav'n man - kind to save sent down from
son, sent down from heav'n man - kind to save, man - kind to save, sent down from
son, sent down from heav'n man - kind to

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kind to save; Fa - ther, all things ful - fill'd and done, ac -
heav'n man - kind to save; Fa - ther, all things ful - fill'd and
heav'n man - kind to save; Fa - ther, all things ful - fill'd and
save, man - kind to save; Fa - ther, all things ful - fill'd and done,

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cord - ing to thy will, thy will I have. Fa - ther, my will now all -
done, ac - cord - ing to thy will I have. Fa - ther, my will now
done, ac - cord - ing to thy will I have. Fa - ther, my will now
ac - cord - ing to thy will I have. Fa - ther, my will now

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— is this: No - lo mor-tem pec - ca - to - - - ris. Fa - ther, be - hold my pain - ful
all is this: No - lo mor - tem pec-ca-to - - ris. Fa - - ther, be - hold my
all is this: No - lo mor - tem pec-ca-to - - ris. Fa -
all is this: No - lo mor - tem pec-ca-to - - ris.

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smart, ta - ken for man on ev - - - 'ry side; e'en
pain - ful smart, ta - ken for man on ev - 'ry side, on ev - 'ry side; e'en
ther, be - hold my pain - ful smart ta - ken for man on ev - 'ry side;
Fa - - ther, be - hold my pain - ful smart, ta - ken for man on ev - - 'ry side;

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from my birth to death most tart, no kind of pain I have de -
from my birth to death most tart, to death most tart, no kind of pain I
e'en from my birth to death most tart, no kind of pain I
e'en from my birth to death most tart, no kind of pain I

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nied, but suf - fer'd all, and all for this: No - lo mor - tem pec -
 have de - nied, but suf - fer'd all, and all for this: No - lo mor - tem pec -
 have de - nied, but suf - fer'd all, and all for this:
 have de - nied, but suf - fer'd all, and all for this:

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- ca - to - - - ris, no - lo mor - tem
 - ca - to - - ris, no - lo mor -
 No - lo mor - tem pec - ca - to - - - ris,
 No - lo mor - tem pec - ca - to - - ris, no -

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pec - ca - to - - ris, no - lo mor - tem pec - ca - to - - - ris.
 tem pec - ca - to - - ris, no - lo mor - tem pec - ca - to - - ris.
 no - lo mor - tem pec - ca - to - - ris, pec - - - ca - to - - ris.
 - - lo mor - tem pec - ca - to - - ris, pec - ca - to - - - - ris.