

ANCIENT GROOVE MUSIC

Lord, what is man

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HENRY PALMER
(c. 1590 - 1640)

Source: Cambridge, Peterhouse Perne Library: MS 35, 36, 37, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, the 'Latter Caroline Set' of partbooks, dating c. 1625-40. The set includes the organ book, and Decani and Cantoris books for each part, but lacks the second/Cantoris Contratenor part, which has been reconstructed editorially, for the most part supplied with notes from the organ book not covered by other parts.

The music is presented up a tone with original note values. Accidentals in brackets and slashed ties/slurs are editorial.

The musical score is arranged in a system with six staves. From top to bottom, the staves are labeled: Medius, Contratenor I, Contratenor II (Editorial), Tenor, Bassus, and Organ. The music is in the key of D major (two sharps) and common time (C). The vocal parts (Medius, Contratenor I, Contratenor II, Tenor, Bassus) are written in treble clef, while the organ part is in bass clef. The Contratenor I part includes the lyrics: "Verse", "Lord, what is man, Lord,". The organ part provides a harmonic accompaniment with various chordal textures and melodic lines.

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what is man, that thou hast such respect, that

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thou hast such respect un-to him, that thou hast such respect un-to him?

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Or the son of man, that thou so re - gard - est — him, that thou so re - gard - est

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Chorus
Or the son of man, that thou so re - gard - est him, re - gard - est

Chorus
him? Or the son of man, that thou so re - gard - - est him, that thou so re -

Chorus
Or the_ son of man, that thou so re - gard - est_ him,

Chorus
Or the_ son of man, that thou so re - gard - est, that thou

Chorus
Or the son of man, the son of man, that thou so re - gard - est him,

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him, that thou so re-gard - est, re - gard - - - est him?
 -gard - - - - est him, that thou so re - - gard - est him?
 that thou so re-gard - est him, re - gard - - - est him?
 so re-gard - est him, that thou so, thou so re - gard - est him?
 that thou so re-gard - est, that thou so re-gard - est him?

27 Long tyme

Verse

Man is like a thing of nought, his
 Man is like a thing of nought, his time pass -

Long tyme

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time pass - eth a - way, his time pass - eth a - way like a sha - dow,
 - eth a - way, his time pass - eth a - way like a sha - dow, like a

35

like a sha - dow, his time pass - eth a - way like a sha - dow; For
 sha - dow, his time pass - eth a - way like a sha - dow, a sha - dow; For
 Verse
 Verse
 For

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when the breath_ of man go - - eth forth he shall

when the breath_ of man go - eth forth, he shall

when the breath_ of man go - - eth_ forth, he___ shall turn a - gain to his earth,

when the breath_ of man go - - eth forth, he___ shall turn a - gain to his earth,

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turn a - gain to___ his earth, and then, and then all his thoughts pe - rish, all his thoughts,

turn a - gain to___ his earth, and then, and then all his thoughts pe - rish, all his thoughts

and then, and then all his thoughts pe - rish, all his thoughts

and then, and then all his thoughts pe - rish, all his thoughts

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Chorus

his thoughts pe - rish. And then, and then all his thoughts pe - rish,
 pe - rish, all his thoughts pe - rish. And then, and then all his thoughts pe - rish,
 pe - rish, all his thoughts pe - rish. And then, and then, all his thoughts pe - rish,
 pe - - rish, his thoughts pe - rish. And then, and then all his thoughts pe - rish.
 And then, and then all his thoughts pe - rish,
 And then, and then all his thoughts pe - rish,

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and then, and then all his thoughts pe - rish, all his thoughts pe - rish.
 and then, and then, and then all his thoughts pe - rish, all his thoughts pe - rish.
 and then, and then all his thoughts pe - - rish, all his thoughts pe - rish.
 and then, and then, and then all his thoughts pe - rish, all his thoughts pe - rish.
 and then, and then, and then all his thoughts, his thoughts pe - rish.

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Verse

Bless - ed is he,

Verse

Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is

Verse

Bless - sed is he,

65

bless - ed is he that hath the God of Ja - cob, the God of Ja - cob for

he, bless - ed is he that hath the God of Ja - cob for

bless - ed is he, that hath the God of Ja - cob, of Ja - cob

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his help, and whose hope is in the Lord his God, his help, and whose hope is in the Lord for his help, and whose hope is in the Lord his God, and whose

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whose hope is in the Lord his God. **Chorus** whose hope is his God, the Lord his God, whose hope is in the **Chorus** whose hope is in the Lord, **Chorus** hope is in the Lord his God, whose hope is in the Lord

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Chorus

whose hope is in the Lord his God. A - - -

in the Lord, the Lord his God, the Lord his God. A - - -

Lord, the Lord his God, whose hope in in the Lord his God. A -

whose hope is in the Lord, the Lord his God. A -

whose help is in the Lord his God. A -

the Lord his God, the Lord his God. A

his God, is in the Lord his God. A -

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- - - - - men, A - - - - - men.

- - - - - men, A - - - - - men.

- - - - - men, A - men, A - - - - men, A - - - - men.

- - - - - men, A - - - - - men.

- - - - - men, A - - - - - men.