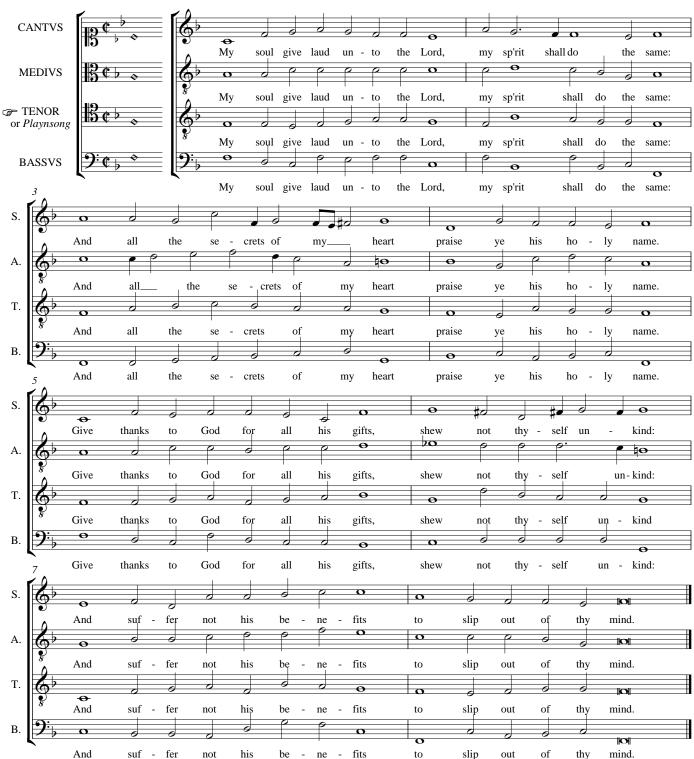
My soule give laud unto the Lord





- 3. That gave thee pardon for thy faults, and thee restored again: For all thy weak and frail disease, and healed thee of thy pain. from which thou couldst not flee:
- 4. That did redeem thy life from death, His mercy and compassion both he didd extend to thee.
- 5. That filled with goodness thy desire, and did prolong thy youth: Like as the Eagle casts her bill: whereby her age renewth. 6. The Lord with justice doth repay all such as be oppressed: So that their sufferings and their wrongs are turned to the best.
- 7. His ways and his commandements to Moses he did show: His counsels and his valiant acts the Israelites did know. 8. The Lord is kind and merciful, when ssinners do him grieve: The slowest to conceive a wrath, and readiest to forgive.

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Critical notes:

Bassus bar 2, note 4 is F in the original; text somewhat modernised.

- 9. He chides not us continually, though we be full of strife:
 Nor keeps our faults in memory for all our sinful life.
 10. Nor yet according to our sins the Lord doth us regard:
 Nor after our iniquities he doth not us reward.
- 11. But as the space is wondrous great 'twixt earth and heaven above: So is his goodness much more large to them that do him love.
 12. God doth remove our sins from us and our offences all,
 As far as is the Sun rising full distant from his fall.

The Second part.

- 13. And look what pity parents dear unto their children bear:
 Like pity bears the Lord to such, as worship him in fear.
 14. The Lord that made us knows our shape, our mould and fashion just:
 How weak and frail our nature is, and how we be but dust.
- 15. And how the time of mortal men is like the withering hay:Or like the flower right fair in field, that fadeth soon away.16. Whose gloss and beauty stormy winds do utterly disgrace:And make that after their assaults, such blossoms have no place.
- 17. But yet the goodness of the Lord with his shall ever stand:
 Their childrens children do receive his righteousness at hand.
 18. I mean, which keep his covenant with all their whole desire:
 And not forget to do the thing that he doth them require.
- 19. The heavens high are made the seat and footstool of the Lord:
 Andd by his power imperial he governs all the world.
 20. Ye angels which are great in power, praise ye and bless the Lord:
 Which to obey and doe his will immediately accord.
- 21. Ye noble hosts and ministers cease not to laud him still: Which ready are to execute his pleasure and his will.
 22. Yea, all his works in every place, praise ye his holy name: My heart, my mind, and eke my soul, praise ye also the same.