

Song of the 3 Children

The Whole Booke of Psalms (1621), p. 8-11

Thomas RAVENSCROFT (1592-1633)

The musical score is arranged in five systems. The first system includes Cantus (CANTVS), Medius (MEDIVS), Tenor (TENOR or Playnsong), and Bass (BASSVS). The second system continues these parts. The third system introduces Soprano (S.), Antiphonal (A.), Tenor (T.), and Bass (B.) parts. The lyrics are: "O All ye works of God the Lord, bless ye the Lord, O All ye works of God the Lord, bless ye the Lord, O All ye works of God the Lord, bless ye the Lord, praise him and mag - ni - fy him for - e - ver." The score includes various musical notations such as clefs, time signatures, and bar lines.

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| 2. O ye the Angels of the Lord
bless ye the Lord, etc. | 12. O ye the dews and bindings frosts, bless... | 23. Whales and all that in the waters move, bless... |
| 3. O ye the star (y) heavens high, bless ye... | 13. O ye the frost and chilling cold, bless... | 24. O all ye flying Fowles of the air, bless... |
| 4. O ye the waters and the sky, bless... | 14. O ye congealed Ice and Snow, bless... | 25. O all ye beasts and cattle eke, bless... |
| 5. O all ye powers of the Lord bless... | 15. O all ye nights and lightsome days, bless... | 26. O ye the children of mankind, bless... |
| 6. O ye the shining sun and Moon, bless... | 16. O ye the darkness and the light, bless... | 27. Let Israel eke bless the Lord, bless... |
| 7. O ye the glistening Stars of heaven, bless... | 17. O ye the lightning and the clouds, bless... | 28. O ye the priests of God the Lord, bless... |
| 8. O ye the showers and dropping dew, bless... | 18. O let the earth eke bless the Lord, yea bless... | 29. O ye the servants of the Lord, bless... |
| 9. O ye the blowing winds of God, bless... | 19. O ye the mountains and the hills, bless... | 30. Ye spirits and fowles of righteous men, bless... |
| 10. O ye the fire and warming heat, bless... | 20. O all ye green things on the earth, bless... | 31. O ye holy and ye meek of heart, bless... |
| 11. Yea winter and summertide, bless... | 21. O ye ever-springing Wells, bless... | 32. O Ananias bless the Lord,
bless thou the Lord, etc... |
| | 22. O ye the seas, and ye the foulds, bless... | 33. O Azarias bless the Lord
bless thou the Lord, etc...
And Michael bless thou the Lord,
bless thou the Lord, etc... |

Critical notes:

Medius part from beginning till bar 3, note 3: completely reconstructed (on suggestion by Christian Mondrup) because of an apparent typographical error: Medius part is a double of the Cantus part on the first page and gets a key change on the next page;

Text somewhat modernised.