

O God which art most merciful

Psalm 51:1

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

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O God which art most mer - ci -

O God which art most mer - ci - ful, have

O God which art most mer - ci - ful, *which art most mer - ci - ful,*

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ful, have mer - cy Lord on me, on me, have mer - cy Lord

mer - cy Lord on me, *have mer - cy Lord on me, have mer - cy Lord on*

have mer - cy Lord on me, on me, have mer - cy Lord on me, on

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on me, ac - cor - ding to thy mer - cy great, *ac - cor - ding to thy mer - cy great*

me, ac - cor - ding to thy mer - cy great, let me re - lie - ved be, *let me re -*

me, ac - cor - ding to thy mer - cy great, let me re - lie - ved be, re -

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let me re - lie - ved be, *let me re - lie - ved be.*

lie - ved be, let me re - lie - ved be. And put a - way my wic - ked - ness, and

lie - ved be, let me re - lie - ved be, re - lie - ved be. And put a - way my wic - ked -

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And put a - way my wic - ked-ness, my wic - ked-ness, and put a -
 put a - way my wic - ked-ness, my wic - ked-ness, my wic - ked - ness, and put a -
 ness, my wic - ked - ness, my wic - ked-ness, my wic - ked-ness, and

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way my wic - ked-ness, which sun-dry ways hath_____ been, *which sun - dry*
 way my wic - ked - - ness, which sun-dry ways hath_____ been, hath_____ been,
 put a - way my wic - ked-ness, *which sun-dry ways hath_____*

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ways hath_____ been, ac - cor-ding to the___ mul - ti - tude, ac -
which sun - dry ways hath_____ been, ac - cor-ding to the mul-ti-tude,
 been, *which sun - dry ways hath been,* ac - cor-ding to the mul-ti - tude, to the

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cor-ding to the mul - ti - tude, of thy com-pas - si-ons seen,
 ac - cor-ding to the mul - ti-tude, of thy com-pas - si-ons
 mul - ti-tude, ac - cor-ding to the mul - ti - tude, to the mul - ti -

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of thy com-pas - si-ons seen, ac-cor-ding, ac-cor-ding to the mul - ti-tude,
 seen, of thy com-pas - si-ons seen, ac-cor-ding to the mul - ti-tude of thy com-pas-
 tude of thy com - pas - si-ons seen, ac - cor-ding to the mul - ti - tude,

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of thy com-pas - si-ons seen, of thy com-pas - si-ons seen, com-pas-si-ons seen.
 - si-ons seen, of thy com-pas-si - ons seen, of thy com-pas - si-ons seen.
 to the mul-ti - tude of thy com-pas-si-ons seen, of thy com-pas-si-ons seen.

O God which art most merciful,
 have mercy Lord on me,
 according to thy mercy great,
 let me relieved be;
 And put away my wickedness,
 which sundry ways hath been,
 according to the multitude,
 of thy compassions seen.