

# Ludlow (Psalm 45)

Transcribed from Ravenscroft, *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1621.

G minor  
Thomas Ravenscroft, 1621

Cantus

1. My heart doth take in hand Some godly song to sing; The praise that I shall show therein Pertaineth to the King.  
2. My tongue shall be as quick, His honor to in-dict, As is the pen of any scribe That useth fast to write.

Medius

3. About thee gird thy sword, O Prince of might elect; With honor, glory, and renown, Thy per-son pure is decked.  
4. Go forth with godly speed, In meekness, truth, and right; And thy right hand shall thee instruct In works of dread-ful might.

Tenor

5. Thy royal seat, O Lord, For ev-er shall remain; Because the scepter of thy realm Doth righteousness main-tain.  
6. Because thou loved the right, And didst the ill detest, God, even thy God, appointed thee With joy a-bove the rest.

Bassus

7. Thus are they brought with joy, And mirth on every side, In-to the palace of the King, And there they do a-bide.  
8. Wherefore thy ho-ly name All a-ges shall record, The people shall give thanks to thee For ev-er-more, O Lord.

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1. All notes half value of original.

2. Measure 4, *Cantus*: sharp on last note (B) ignored.