

# O God, wherefore art thou absent

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Psalm 74:1-3

Treble Decani

Treble Cantoris

Alto

Tenor

Bass

O God, where-fore art thou ab-sent from us, from us so

O God, where-fore art thou ab-sent from us so

7 6

S

A

T

B

O God, where-fore art thou

God, where-fore art thou ab-sent from us so long, O

long, art thou ab-sent from us so long,

long, art thou ab-sent from us so long, where-fore art thou

O God,

4 ♯3 6 6 5 6 4 5 4 ♯3 ♭ ♯

10

S ab-sent from us so long, art thou ab-sent from us so  
 God, where-fore art thou ab-sent from us, from us so

A

T ab-sent from us so long, so long,

B where - fore art thou ab-sent from us so long, so

6 6 6 5 6 7 6 4 3 6 5  
 4 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3

15

S long, O God, where-

A long,

T where-fore art thou ab-sent from us, from us so long, where-

B O God, where - fore art thou ab-sent from us so long,

long, O

6 4 3 6 7 6 4 3 2 4

S fore art thou ab-sent from us, from us so

A fore art thou ab-sent from us so long,

T O God, where - fore art thou ab-sent from us,

B God, where- fore art thou ab-sent from us so long,

$\flat 6$   $5$   $\flat 6$   $\flat 6$   $3$   
 $4$   $\natural 3$   $5$   $4$   $6$   $4$   $\natural 3$

20

S long, art thou ab- sent from us so long? Why is thy

A where - fore art thou ab-sent from us so long? Why is thy

T where-fore art thou ab-sent from us so long? Why is thy

T art thou ab - sent from us so long, so long?

B art thou ab - sent from us so long?

$\natural$   $6$   $6$   $7$   $6$   $5$   $\natural$   $\sharp$   $\sharp 4$   
 $\sharp$   $4$   $3$   $4$   $\sharp 3$   $4$   $\sharp$   $2$

25

S  
wrath so hot a - gainst the sheep of thy pas- ture?

A  
wrath so hot a - gainst the sheep of thy pas - ture? *Decani*  
wrath so hot a - gainst the sheep, the sheep of thy pas - ture? Why\_\_ is thy wrath so

T  
*Decani*  
Why\_\_ is thy wrath so

B  
*Decani*  
Why\_\_ is thy wrath so

6 #6 6 5 #6  
4 3

30

S  
O

A  
*Full*  
hot a - gainst the sheep, the sheep of thy pas- ture? O

T  
*Full*  
hot a - gainst the sheep, the sheep of thy pas - ture? O

B  
*Full*  
hot a - gainst the sheep, the sheep of thy pas - ture? O

# 4 6 6 6 5 6 6 6 5  
4 3 3 3 5 4 4 #3 4

S think u-pon thy con- gre- ga- tion:

A think u-pon thy con - gre - ga - tion:

T think u-pon thy con- gre- ga- tion: whom thou hast pur - cha -

B think u-pon thy con - gre - ga - tion: whom thou hast

6 6 6 5 6 4 3 6

35

S whom thou hast pur - cha-sed and re - deem-ed of

A whom thou hast pur - cha - sed and re-deem - ed, re -

T sed and re- deem - ed of old, re - deem-ed of

B pur - cha-sed and re - deem - ed, and re - deem-ed of old,

whom thou hast pur - cha - sed and re-deem-ed of old, re - deem - ed of

6 7 6 6 7 6 5 6 7 6 5 6 7 6

5 4 #3

S old, and re - deem - ed, and re -  
 deem-ed of old, and re-deem-ed of old,  
 A old, whom thou hast pur - cha-sed and re- deem-ed,  
 T and re-deem - ed of old, and re-deem - ed, re -  
 B old, and re - deem-ed of old, and re-deem-ed, re -

# 6 6 6 5 6 6/4 6 6 6  
 # 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

S deem - ed of old.  
 and re-deem - ed of old.  
 A re-deem - ed of old. *Verse decani* Think u-pon the tribe of thine in -  
 T deem - ed of old. *Verse decani* Think u-pon the tribe of thine in -  
 B deem - ed of old. *Verse decani* Think u-pon the tribe of thine in -

# 3 4 #3 b b b7 6 4 6  
 # 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

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S

A

T

B

he - ri - tance, u - pon the tribe of thine in - he - ri - tance:

he - ri - tance, u - pon the tribe of thine in - he - ri - tance:

he - ri - tance, u - pon the tribe of thine in - he - ri - tance:

4 5  
b6 5

b b 7 6

6 7 6 #

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S

A

T

B

and mount Si-on, where-in thou hast

mount Si - on, where- in thou hast dwelt, and mount

*Full*  
and mount Si - on, where - in, where - in thou hast dwelt.

*Full*  
and mount Si - on, where - in thou hast dwelt,

*Full*  
and mount Si - on, where-in thou hast dwelt, and

# 6 4 b3

S  
dwelt, and mount Si - on, where - in thou hast dwelt.

A  
Si - on, and mount Si - on, where-in thou \_\_\_\_\_ hast dwelt.

T  
and mount Si-\_\_\_\_\_ on, where - in thou hast dwelt.

B  
mount Si - on, where-\_\_\_\_\_ in thou hast dwelt.

4 #3 4

55

S  
O God, where-

A  
where-fore art thou ab-sent from us, from \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_ long, where-

T  
O God, where - fore art thou ab-sent from us so long,

B  
O

6 #3 6 7 6 4 #3 b 4



S O God,  
fore art thou ab-sent from us, from us so

A fore art thou ab-sent from us so long,

T O God, where - fore art thou ab-sent from us,

B God, where- fore art thou ab-sent from us so long,

$\flat 6$   $5$   $\flat 6$   $\flat 6$   $6$   $7$   $6$   $4$   $\flat 3$   
4  $\flat 3$  5 4

S where - fore art thou ab-sent from us so long?

A long, art thou ab- sent from us so long?

T where-fore art thou ab-sent from us so long?

B art thou ab - sent from us so long?

$\flat$  3 5 6 6 7 6 5  $\sharp 3$   $\flat$   
 $\sharp 3$  4 4  $\sharp 3$   $\flat$