

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?

Full anthem for 5 voices [with verse sections]

The Bible, Psalm 119,
verses 9-12, 15-16

William Boyce (1711-1779)

[Chorus]

The chorus is written for five voices and continuo. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "Where - with - al shall a young man cleanse his way, ev'n by ru - ling him_". The music features a melodic line in the treble parts and a bass line in the bass and continuo parts. The continuo part includes figured bass notation: 6, 4, 2, 5, 3.

The verse sections are written for Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), Bass (B.), and Continuo (Cont.). The lyrics are: "Where - with - al shall a young man ev'n by ru - ling him self af - ter thy word, where - with - al shall a young man self af - ter thy word, af - ter thy word, where - with - al shall a young man cleanse". The music is in the same key signature and time signature as the chorus. The continuo part includes figured bass notation: 6, 7, 6, 6, 36, 76, #, 6, 6, 5, 3.

15

S. Where - with - al shall a young man, shall — a young man cleanse — his way,

S. Where - with - al shall a young man cleanse his way, cleanse his way,

A. cleanse his way, where - with - al shall a young man cleanse his way,

T. cleanse his way, where - with - al shall a young man cleanse his way, ev'n by

B. his way, where - with - al shall a young man cleanse his way,

Cont. his way, where - with - al shall a young man cleanse his way,

4 5 6 56 6 7 6 6
2

23

S. ev'n by ru - ling him - self, by ru - ling him - self

S. ev'n by ru - ling him - self, af - ter thy word,

A. ev'n by ru - ling him - self, af -

T. ru - ling him self af - ter thy word, by ru - ling him - self

B. ev'n by ru - ling him - self, af -

Cont. ev'n by ru - ling him - self, af -

4 43 4 6 4 3 7 6 76

29

S. af - ter thy word, ev'n by ru - ling him - self, af - ter thy word,

S. ev'n by ru - ling him - self, af - ter thy word,

A. ter thy word, ev'n by ru - ling him - self af - ter thy word,

T. af - ter thy word where - with - al shall a

B. -ter thy word, ev'n by ru - ling him - self af - ter thy word, where - with - al shall a

Cont. -ter thy word, ev'n by ru - ling him - self af - ter thy word, where - with - al shall a

56 5 9 7 65 6 7 4 3 5 65
7 5 43 5 43

36

S. ev'n by ru - ling him - self, by

S. ev'n by ru - ling him - self af - ter thy word, by ru -

A. ev'n by ru - ling him - self af - ter thy word, by

T. young man cleanse his way, ev'n by

B. young man cleanse his way, ev'n by ru - ling him -

Cont. 6 6 7 5 6 4 6 2

43

S. ru - ling him - self af - ter thy word, where - with - al shall a young man cleanse his way

S. - ling him - self af - ter thy word, where - with - al shall a young man cleanse his way

A. ru - ling him - self af - ter thy word, where - with - al shall a young man cleanse his way

T. ru - ling him - self af - ter thy word, ev'n by

B. - self af - ter thy word, ev'n by

Cont. 9 8 65 7 43 7 5 6 6 5 7 5 3

51

S. ev'n by ru - ling him - self, by

S. ev'n by ru - ling him - self, by

A. ev'n by

T. ru - ling him - self af - ter thy word, ev'n by

B. ru - ling him - self af - ter thy word, ev'n by

Cont. 8 9 6 7 4 7 6 5 4 3 6

55

S. ru - ling him - self af - - ter thy word.

S. ru - ling him - self af - ter thy word.

A. ru - ling him - self af - ter thy word.

T. ru ling him - self af - ter thy word.

B. ru ling him - self af - ter thy word.

Cont. 6 6 5 7 4 3 6

59 Verse

A. With my whole heart have I fought thee, With my whole

T. With my whole heart have I fought thee, with my whole

B. With my whole heart have I fought thee, with my

Cont. 6 6 6 6 3

64

A. heart have I fought thee, O let me not go wrong, O let me not go

T. heart have I fought thee, O let me not go

B. whole heart have I fought thee, O let me not go wrong, O

Cont. 6 5 6 6 6

69

A. wrong, let me not go wrong out of thy com mand- ments, O let me not go wrong, let me not go

T. wrong, let me not go wrong out of thy com mand- ments, O let me not go wrong, let me not go

B. let me not go wrong, out of thy com mand- ments, O let me not go wrong, let me not go

Cont. 6 56 6 4 5 6 98 6 65

74

A. wrong out of thy com mand- ments, O let me not go wrong, let me not go wrong out of thy com

T. wrong out of thy com mand- ments, O let me not go wrong, let me not go wrong out of thy com

B. wrong out of thy com mand- ments, O let me not go wrong, let me not go wrong out of thy com

Cont. 76 5 6 5 6 98 6 65 76 5 6 5

79

S. Thy words have I hid with in my heart, that I should not sin, not sin a-

S. Thy words have I hid with in my heart, that I should not sin a-

A. mand-ments.

T. mand-ments.

B. mand-ments.

Cont. 6 65 7 65
4# 4 4

84

S. gainst thee, thy words have I hid with - in my heart that I should not

S. gainst thee, thy words have I hid with - in my heart

Cont. 3-4 6 6 5
4 #

88

S. sin, not sin a - gainst thee, that I should not sin a - gainst thee.

S. that I should not sin a - gainst thee, that I should not sin a - gainst thee.

Cont. 7 65 6 5 6 4
43 #

92 5 voices

S. Ble - ssed art thou O lord, ble - ssed art thou, O lord.

S. Ble - ssed art thou O lord, ble - ssed art thou, O lord.

A. Ble - ssed art thou O lord, ble - ssed art thou, O lord.

T. Ble - ssed art thou O lord, ble - ssed art thou, O lord. O

B. Ble - ssed art thou O lord, ble - ssed art thou, O lord.

Cont. Ble - ssed art thou O lord, ble - ssed art thou, O lord.

5 5 5 6 #

98

S. O teach_ me, O

S. O teach_ me thy sta - tutes, O

A. teach_ me, teach_ me thy sta - tutes, O teach_ me, O

T. O teach_ me,

B. O teach_ me, teach_ me thy sta - tutes, O teach, O

Cont. O teach_ me, teach_ me thy sta - tutes, O teach, O

-76 65 4# 5 98 7 65 5 98 4# 3 4# 5 4# 3 43

103

S. teach me thy sta - tutes, O teach me, teach_

S. teach me thy sta - tutes, O teach me,

A. teach_ me thy sta - tutes, O teach_ me, O teach_

T. teach_ me thy sta - tutes, O

B. teach me thy sta - tutes, O teach me,

Cont. teach me thy sta - tutes, O teach me,

6 # 6 7 # 76 6 6 5

107

S. me O teach me thy sta - tutes.

S. teach me, O teach me thy sta - tutes.

A. me, O teach me thy sta - tutes.

T. teach me, O teach me thy sta - tutes.

B. teach me, O teach me thy sta - tutes.

Cont. teach me, O teach me thy sta - tutes.

7 7 5 6 6 5

110 Chorus

S. I will talk of thy com mand - ments and have res - pect un - to thy ways. My de -

S. I will talk of thy com mand - ments and have res - pect un - to thy ways. My de -

A. I will talk of thy com mand - ments and have res - pect un - to thy ways. My de -

T. I will talk of thy com mand - ments and have res - pect un - to thy ways. My de -

B. I will talk of thy com mand - ments and have res - pect un - to thy ways. My de -

Cont. I will talk of thy com mand - ments and have res - pect un - to thy ways. My de -

6 6 6 4 5 6 6 6 4 # 7

