

Early, O Lord, my fainting soul

Psalm 63:1-9, para. John Patrick

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

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Soprano I

Soprano II
(or Alto)

Alto
(or Tenor)

Bass

Continuo

Ear - ly, O

Ear - ly, O Lord, my faint - ing soul Thy mer - cy does im-plore,

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Lord, my faint - ing soul Thy mer - cy does im - plore,

Ear - ly, O Lord, my faint - ing

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Ear - ly, O Lord, my faint - ing
 Ear - ly, O Lord, my faint - ing soul Thy mer - cy does im -
 soul Thy mer - cy does im - plore, Ear - ly, O
 Ear - ly, O Lord, my faint - ing soul Thy mer - cy

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soul Thy mer - cy does im - plore, does im - plore; No tra - vel - ler in
 - plore, my faint - - ing soul Thy mer - cy does im - plore; No tra - vel - ler in
 Lord, my faint - ing soul Thy mer - cy does im - plore; No tra - vel - ler in
 does im - plore, does im - plore; No tra - vel - ler in

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des - ert lands Can thirst, can thirst for wa - ter more, No

des - ert lands Can thirst, can thirst for wa - ter more, No

des - ert lands, Can thirst, can thirst for wa - ter more, No

des - ert lands Can thirst, can thirst for wa - ter more, No

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tra-vel-ler in des - ert lands Can thirst for wa - ter more.

tra-vel-ler in des - ert lands Can thirst, can thirst for wa - ter more.

tra-vel-ler in des - ert lands Can thirst for wa - ter more.

tra-vel-ler in des - ert lands Can thirst for wa - - - ter more.

22 Solus

I long to ap-pear as I was wont, With - in thy ho - ly place, Thy pow'r and

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glo - ry to be - hold, And to par - take thy grace, I long to ap-pear as

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I was wont, With - in thy ho - ly place, Thy pow'r and glo - ry to be - hold, And to par -

35 [Full]

-take thy grace. For life it - self with - out thy love No re-lish, no

For life it - self with-out thy love, for life with - out thy love No re-lish, no

[Full] For life it - self with-out, with - out thy love No re-lish, no

For life it-self with - out, with-out thy love, for life with - out thy love No re-lish, no

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re-lish can af - ford; no oth-er joys, no oth-er joys can e - qual this: To
 re-lish can af - ford; no oth-er joys can e - qual this, can e - qual this: To
 re-lish can af - ford; No oth-er joys can e - qual, e - qual this: To
 re-lish can af - ford; No oth-er joys, no oth-er joys can e - qual this: To

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serve and praise the Lord. I'll there-fore make my pray'rs to thee, I'll there-fore
 serve and praise the Lord. I'll there-fore make my pray'rs to
 serve and praise the Lord. I'll there-fore make my pray'rs to thee,
 serve and praise the Lord. I'll there-fore make my pray'rs to

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make my pray'rs to thee, will there - fore make my pray'rs to thee, And bless thee
 thee, to thee, I'll there-fore make my pray'rs, my pray'rs to thee, And bless thee
 I'll there-fore make my pray'rs to thee, will make my pray'rs to thee, And bless thee
 thee, to thee, I'll there-fore make my pray'rs to thee, And bless thee

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whilst I live; This, this, like the choic - est dain - ties, will Both food and plea - sure
 whilst I live; This, this, like the choic - est dain - ties, will Both food and plea - sure
 whilst I live; This, this, like the choic - est dain - ties, will Both food and plea - sure
 whilst I live; This, this, like the choic - est dain - ties, will Both food and plea - sure

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give, this, this, like the choic - est dain - ties, will both food and pleas - ure give.

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give, this, this, like the choic - est dain - ties, will both food and plea - sure give.

give, will both food and plea - sure give.

62 **Solus**

When oth-ers sleep, my wake - ful thoughts Pre-sent thee to my mind; And in the night_

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I think how good My God has been and kind. Since thou a - lone hast been my

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help, To thee a-lone I fly; And on thy watch-ful pro-vi-dence With cheer - - - ful-ness re-

73 [Full]

Dan - gers, whilst thou art near to me, Do threat - en me in
 Dan - gers, whilst thou art near to me, Do threat-en me in
 Dan - gers, whilst thou art near to me, Do threat-en, threat - en me in
 -ly. Dan - gers, whilst thou art near to me, Do threat-en me in

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vain, When I keep close, keep close to God, his
 vain, When I keep close, when I keep close, keep close to
 vain, When I keep close, when I keep close to God, when I keep close to
 vain, When I keep close, keep close to God, his care and pow'r will me sus -

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care And pow'r will me sus-tain, his care and pow'r will me sus-tain,
 God, his care And pow'r will me sus-tain,
 God, his care And pow'r will me sus-tain,
 -tain, his care And pow'r will me sus-tain, his

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-tain, his care and pow'r will me sus-tain.
 his care and pow'r will me sus-tain.
 his care and pow'r will me, will me sus-tain.
 care and pow'r will me, will me sus-tain.