Samuel the priest gave up the ghost

A Funeral Anthem

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1 Samuel 25:1,
Job 19:21, Psalm 88:18,
6:6, 119:25, Job 1:21

A minor
William Billings, 1786

Samuel the priest gave up the ghost, and all Israel mourn - ed, mourn - ed, mourn - ed,

and all Israel mourn - ed, Have pity on me, O ye my friends, For the hand of God hath

O ye my friends,

Have pity on me, O ye my friends, For the hand of God hath touch - ed

touch - ed me.

Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, me.

Have

And mine ac - quaint - ance in - to darkness.

pity on me, O ye my friends, For the hand of God hath touch - ed me.

I am weary with my

I water my couch with my tears.

groaning all the night, make I my bed to swim _____

Have pity on me, O ye my friends, For the hand of God hath touch-ed me.

My soul cleav -

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Chorus

Tr., C., T., B. (SATB choral score)

Lyrics:

8 - eth unto the dust,

My soul melteth for heaviness.

Have pity on me, O ye my friends, For the hand of God hath touch-ed me.

Naked I came out of my mother's womb,

And naked shall I re -- turn.

The Lord gave, and the Lord taketh a - way; and blessed be the name of the Lord.