

# O Lord who in thy sacred tent

*Psal. 15*

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius  
[Soprano]

Medius  
[Alto]  
*The first singing part*

Contratenor  
[Tenor]

Tenor  
[Tenor]

Bassus  
[Bass]

O Lord, O Lord who in thy  
O Lord, O Lord, who in thy sa -  
O Lord who in thy

O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, who in thy  
O Lord, O Lord, who in  
sa - - cred tent, O Lord, who in thy sa - cred tent, who  
- cred tent, O Lord, O Lord who in  
sa - cred tent, O Lord, O Lord who

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sa - cred tent, and ho - ly hill shall dwell:  
thy sa - cred tent, and ho - ly hill shall dwell:  
in thy sa - cred tent, and ho - ly hill shall dwell: Even  
thy sa - cred tent and ho - ly hill shall dwell, shall dwell: Even  
in thy sa - cred tent and ho - ly hill shall dwell, shall dwell: Even

Even he that both in heart and mind, doth

Even he that both in heart and mind, doth stu -

he that both in heart and mind, doth stu - dy to

he that both in heart and mind, doth stu - dy to do well, doth

he that both in heart and mind, doth stu - dy to do well, doth

stu - dy to do well. In life up - right,

-dy to do well. In life up -

do well. In life up - right, in deal - ing just, in life up -

stu - dy to do well. In life up - right, in deal - ing just, in

stu - dy to do well. In life up - right, up - right, in

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in deal - ing just, and he that from his heart, the truth doth

-right, in deal - ing just, and he that from his

-right, in deal - ing just, and he that from his heart, from his

deal - ing just, and he that from his

life up-right, in deal - ing just, and he that from his

speak, with sin - gle - - ness, the truth doth speak, with sin - gle -  
heart, the truth doth speak, the truth doth  
heart the truth doth speak, with sin - gle - ness,  
heart, from his heart, the truth doth speak, with sin - gle - ness, with sin - gle -  
heart, the truth doth speak with sin - gle - ness,

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-ness, all false - hood set a - - part, all false - hood set a -  
speak, with sin - gle - ness, all false - hood set a - -  
the truth doth speak, with sin - gle - ness, all false - - hood set a -  
-ness, the truth doth speak, with sin - gle - ness, all false - hood set a - part:  
all false - hood set a - part, set a -

-part: the truth doth speak, with sin - gle - ness, all  
-part: the truth doth speak, with sin - gle - ness, all  
-part: the truth doth speak, with sin - gle - ness, all false - hood set a - part, all  
the truth doth speak, with sin - gle - ness, all false - hood set a - part,  
-part: the truth doth speak, with sin - gle - ness, all false - hood set a - part,

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false - hood set a - part, all false - hood set a - part.  
 false-hood set a - part, set a - part, set a - part.  
 false - hood set a - - part, all false - hood set a - part.  
 all false - hood set a - part, set a - - part.  
 all false - hood set a - - - - part.

Source: William Byrd, *Psalmes, Sonets, & songs of sadnes and pietie* (London, 1588), no.6.  
 Text: Anonymous metrical version of Psalm 15

1. O Lord who in thy sacred tent,  
 and holy hill shall dwell:  
 Even he that both in heart and mind,  
 doth studie to doe well.
2. In life upright, in dealing just,  
 and he that from his heart  
 The truth doth speak with singlenes,  
 all falsehood set apart.
3. With tongue besids that hurts no man,  
 by false and ill report:  
 Nor friend nor neighbour harme will doe,  
 where ever hee resort.
4. That hates the bad, and loves the good,  
 and faith that never breakes:  
 But keeps alwaies though to his losse,  
 the woord that ones he speakes.
5. Nor filthie gaine by love that seekes,  
 nor wealth so to possess:  
 Nor that for bribes, the guiltles soule,  
 doth labour to oppresse.
6. Like as a mount so shall he stand,  
 nothing shall him remove:  
 That thus shall doe, the Lord hath said  
 No man can it disprove.

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