

Anthem: Have pity on me

Transcribed from *Harmony of Harmony*, 1802.

A minor

William Billings, 1786
Revised ca. 1790

Chorus

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

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ye my friends, For the hand of God hath touch - ed me. Lover and friend hast thou put far from me,
ye my friends, For the hand of God hath touch - ed me.
ye my friends, For the hand of God hath touch - ed me.
ye my friends, For the hand of God hath touch - ed me. And mine ac - quain - tance

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Chorus
Have pity on me, O ye my friends, For the hand of God hath touch - ed me.
Have pity on me, O ye my friends, For the hand of God hath touch - ed me.
Have pity on me, O ye my friends, For the hand of God hath touch - ed me.
in - to darkness. Have pity on me, O ye my friends, For the hand of God hath touch - ed me. I am

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I water my couch with my tears. My soul
weary with my groaning all the night, Make I my bed to swim, _____

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Tr. Naked I came out of my mother's womb,

C. Naked I came out of my mother's womb,

T. cleaveth un - to the dust, My soul melt - eth for heaviness. And naked shall I re - turn.

B. cleaveth un - to the dust, My soul melt - eth for heaviness. And naked shall I re - turn.

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Tr. The Lord gave, and the Lord taketh a - way. And blessed be the name of the Lord!

C. The Lord gave, and the Lord taketh a - way. And blessed be the name of the Lord!

T. The Lord gave, and the Lord taketh a - way. And blessed be the name of the Lord!

B. The Lord gave, and the Lord taketh a - way. And blessed be the name of the Lord!

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The last line (measures 59 ff.) originally had an Alto clef for *Tenor*; the notes are obviously in the Treble clef.