

Bow down thine ear, O Lord

Psalm 86:1, 3-6, 8, 10-11

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
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Verse

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Continuo

down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor and in mi-se-ry,
Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me:
Bow

Time signatures and bass figures original; continuo realization editorial. Editorial accidentals in small type. Spelling, punctuation, barring, and beaming regularized and modernized.

mm. 1-3, organ: upper voice of bottom staff original.

mm. 9-10, 18 and 99, alto: small notes are ossias for a modern SATB choir without countertenors.

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for I am poor and in mi - se-ry, am poor and in mi - se-ry,
 bow down thine ear, O
 down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor and in mi - se -
 Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear

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-ry, bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me, hear me, for I am
 Lord, and hear me, for I am poor and in mi - se-ry,
 -ry, in mi - se - ry, bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me, and
 me: for I am poor and in mi - se-ry, for I am poor

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poor, am poor and in mi-se-ry, I am poor and in mi-se-ry.
 for I am poor and in mi-se-ry, and in mi-se-ry.
 hear me, for I am poor and in mi-se-ry.
 and in mi-se-ry, I am poor and in mi-se-ry.

Solus

Tenor



Be mer-ci-ful un-to me, O Lord, be mer-ci-ful un-to

Continuo

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me, O Lord: for I will call, will call dai-ly up-on thee.

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Com-fort the soul of thy ser-vant, com-fort the soul

of thy ser - vant: for un - to thee do I lift up _____ my _____ soul,

For thou, _____
for un - to thee do I lift up, do I lift up _____ my _____ soul.

For thou, _____ Lord, art good and _____
_____ Lord, art good and gra - cious: _____ and of great mer - cy un - to _____
And of great mer - cy un - to all them that call up - on _____ thee.
For thou, _____ Lord, art _____

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gra - cious: and of great mer - cy un - to all them that call up - on thee,
 all them that call up - on thee, for thou, Lord, art good, for thou,
 for thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mer - cy un - to
 good and gra - cious, and of great mer - cy un - to all them that

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and of great mer - cy un - to all them that call up - on thee, and of great
 Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mer - cy un - to all them that
 all them that call up - on thee, that call up - on thee, un - to
 call up - on thee, for thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great

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mer - cy un - to all them that call, that call up - on thee.
 call up - on thee, un - to all them that call up - on thee.
 all them that call up - on thee, that call up - on thee.
 mer - cy un - to all them that call, that call up - on thee.

45 **Chorus**

For thou, Lord, art good and gra - cious, and of great
 For thou, Lord, art good, art good and gra - - ci - ous, and
 For thou, Lord, art good and gra - cious,
 For thou, Lord, art good and gra - cious, and of great mer - cy un - to all

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mer-cy un-to all them that call, that call up-on thee.
of great mer-cy un-to all them that call, that call up-on thee.
and of great mer-cy un-to all them that call up-on thee.
them that call, that call up-on thee.

Vers[e] solus

Bass
A-mong the gods there is none like un-to thee, there is none,
Continuo

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no, none like un-to thee: there is not one that can do as thou
dost. For thou art great, and dost wondrous things, and dost won-

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dost. For thou art great, and dost wondrous things, and dost won-

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- drous things: thou, thou art God a -

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- lone, thou, thou art God a - lone.

66 **Vers[e] 4 voc.**

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth, teach

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy

Teach me thy way, O

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— and I will walk in thy truth, teach me thy way, O Lord, —
 — me thy way, O Lord, teach me thy way, O Lord, —
 truth, teach me thy way, O Lord, — and I will walk in thy
 Lord, — and I will walk in thy truth, — and I will walk in thy

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— and I will walk in thy truth: O knit my heart un - to
 — and I will walk in thy truth: O knit — my heart — un - to
 truth: O knit — my heart — un - to thee, that I may fear, may
 truth: O knit my heart un - to thee,

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thee, O knit my heart un - to thee, that I may fear, may
 thee, O knit my heart un - to thee,
 fear thy Name, O knit my heart un - to thee, O knit
 teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth,

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fear thy Name, teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will
 teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth,
 my heart un - to thee, teach me thy way, O Lord, and
 O knit my heart un - to thee, that I may fear, may

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walk in thy truth, O knit my heart un - - to thee, O knit
 that I may fear, may fear thy Name,
 I will walk in thy truth, O knit my heart un - to thee, that I may
 fear thy Name, O knit my heart un - to

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my heart, my heart un - to thee, that I may fear, may fear thy
 O knit my heart, my heart un - to thee, that I may fear, that
 fear, may fear thy Name, that I may fear, that I may
 thee, that I may fear, may fear thy Name, that I may

Vers[e] & cho[rus]:
 [1st time: Verse
 2nd time: Chorus]

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Name, that I may fear, may fear thy Name. And I will thank thee, O

I may fear, may fear thy Name. And I will thank thee, O

fear, may fear thy Name. And I will thank thee, O

fear, may fear thy Name. And I will thank thee, O

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Lord my God, with all my heart, I will thank thee, O Lord my God,

Lord my God, with all my heart, I will thank thee, O Lord my God,

Lord my God, with all my heart, I will thank thee, O Lord my God,

Lord my God, with all my heart, I will thank thee, O Lord my God,

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with all my heart: and will praise thy Name for ev - er - more, will praise thy Name,
 with all my heart: and will praise thy Name for ev - er - more, will praise thy Name,
 with all my heart: and will praise thy Name for ev - er -
 with all my heart: and will praise thy Name for ev - er - more, will_

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praise thy Name for ev - er - more, will praise thy Name for ev - er - more.
 praise thy Name for ev - er - more, will praise thy Name for ev - er - more.
 -more, praise thy Name for ev - er - more, will praise thy Name for ev - er - more.
 praise thy Name for ev - er - more, will_ praise thy Name for ev - er - more.