

Come help O God

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Cantus primus
Cantus secundus
Contratenor
Tenor
Bassus

Come, *come*, help, *help*, _____ O God, *O*
 Come, *come*, help, *help*, _____ O
 Come, *come*, help, *help*, O God, *O*
 Come, *come*, help, _____ help, _____ O God, O God, *O*
 Come, *come*, help, _____ help, _____ O God, _____ O

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God, *O* God, _____ for Christ's sweet blood -
 God, _____ for Christ's sweet blood - *y*, *blood* - *y* sweat, for
 God, for Christ's sweet blood - *y*, *blood* - *y* sweat, for Christ's sweet
 God, _____ for _____ Christ's sweet blood - *y*, *blood* - *y* sweat, *for* Christ's sweet
 God, _____ for Christ's sweet blood - *y*, *blood* - *y* sweat, *for* Christ's

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- *y*, *blood* - *y* sweat, I seek thy love and fear thy
 Christ's sweet blood - *y* sweat, I
 blood - *y*, *blood* - *y* _____ sweat, I seek thy love, and fear thy rod,
 blood - *y*, *blood* - *y* sweat, I seek thy love, I
 _____ sweet blood - *y* sweat, I seek thy love and fear thy _____

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rod, for mer - cy, mer - cy, I en - treat, en - treat,
 seek thy love and fear thy rod, for mer - cy,
 and fear thy rod, for mer - cy, mer - cy I en - treat,
 seek thy love, and fear thy rod, and fear thy rod, for mer -
 rod, for mer - cy, mer - cy I en - treat,

for mer - cy, mer - cy I en - treat, en - treat,
 mer - cy I en - treat, I en - treat.
 mer - cy, mer - cy I en - treat, en - treat,
 - cy I en - treat, I en - treat,
 for mer - cy, mer - cy I en - treat, en - treat.

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my griefs, my griefs, my griefs re - me -
 my griefs, my griefs re - me - dy - less, re -
 my griefs, my griefs, my griefs re - me - dy -
 my griefs, my griefs re - me - dy - less, re -
 my griefs, my griefs re - me - dy - less, re -

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- dy - less, if mer - cy, mer - cy, mer - ci - less,
 -me - dy - less, if mer - cy, mer - cy mer - ci - less,
 -less, if mer - cy, mer - cy, mer - ci - less, if mer - cy, mer - cy, mer - ci -
 -me - dy - less, if mer - cy, mer - cy, mer - ci -
 -me - dy - less, if mer - cy, mer - cy, mer - ci -

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if mer - cy, if mer - cy, mer - cy, mer - ci - less,
 if mer - cy, if mer - cy, if mer - cy, mer - cy,
 -less, mer - - - ci - less, if mer - cy, mer - cy, if
 -less, mer - - - - - ci - less, if mer - cy,
 -less, if mer - cy, if mer - cy mer - ci - less, if

1. if mer - cy mer - ci - less. My - less.

2. mer - ci-less, mer - - - ci - less. My_ - less.

mer - cy, mer - ci - less, mer - ci - less. My_ griefs, - less.

mer - cy, mer - - - - ci - less. My_ - less.

mer - cy, mer - cy, mer - - - ci - less. My_ griefs, - less.

Source: Sir William Leighton, *The Teares or Lamentacions of a Sorrowfull Soule* (London, 1614).
 Text: Sir William Leighton.

III.22, II.23: *grief*
 I.34.2: *c'*

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