

# Since godly men decay, O Lord

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Text: Tate/Brady on Ps 12.

Ps. 12th. A 4 Voce.

Since god - ly men de - cay, O Lord, Do thou my cause de - fend;  
In vain those foo - lish boa - sters say, Our tongues are sure our own;  
For God, who hears the suff - 'ring poor, And their op - pres - sion knows,  
The word of God shall still a - bide, And void of false - hood be,

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For scarce these wret - ched times af - ford One just and faith - ful friend.  
With doubt - ful words we will be - tray, And be con - troll'd by none.  
Will soon a - rise and give them rest, In spite of all their foes.  
As is the sil - ver, sev'n times tried, From dros - sy mix - ture free.

### Notes:

The alto part is notated in the alto clef in the source.

The opening words of the first verse are given in the source, as 'Since Godly Men decay &c.', with the title 'Ps. 12th' also indicating the text, four stanzas of which have been underlaid editorially.