

O God which art most merciful

Miserere mei Deus. Psal. 51.

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius

Tenor

Bassus

O God which
O God which art most mer - ci -
O God which art most mer - ci - ful, which art most

art most mer - ci - ful, have mer - cy Lord on me,
- ful, have mer - cy Lord on me, have mer - cy
mer - ci - ful, have mer - cy Lord on me, on me,

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on me, have mer - cy Lord on me, ac - cor - ding to thy
Lord on me, have mer - cy Lord on me, ac - cor - ding to
have mer - cy Lord on me, on me,

mer - cy great, ac - cor - ding to thy mer - cy great let me re -
thy mer - cy great, let me re - lie - ved be, let me re - lie - ved be,
ac - cor - ding to thy mer - cy great, let me re - lie - ved be, re - lie - ved be, let

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-lie - ved be, let me re - lie - ved be.
let me re - lie - ved be. And put a - way my wick - ed - ness, and
me re - lie - ved be, re - lie - ved be. And put a - way my wick - ed -

And put a - way my wick - ed-ness, my wick - ed-ness, and put a -
 put a - way my wick - ed-ness, my wick - ed-ness, my wick - ed - ness, and put a -
 -ness, my wick - ed - ness, my wick - ed-ness, my wick - ed - ness, and

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way my wick - ed-ness, which sun-dry ways hath _____ been, which sun - dry
 way my wick - ed - - ness, which sun-dry ways hath _____ been, hath _____ been,
 put a - way my wick - ed - ness, which sun - dry ways hath _____

ways hath _____ been, ac - cor - ding to the _____ mul - ti - tude, ac -
 which sun - dry ways hath _____ been, ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude,
 been, which sun - dry ways hath been, ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude, to the

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-cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude of thy com-pas - si-ons seen,
 ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude of thy com-pas - si-ons
 mul - ti - tude, ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude, to the mul - ti -

of thy com-pas - si-ons seen, ac - cor - ding, ac - cor - ding
 seen, of thy com-pas - si-ons seen, ac - cor - ding
 -tude of thy com - pas - si-ons seen, ac - cor - ding to the

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to the mul - ti - tude of thy com - pas - si - ons seen,
to the mul - ti - tude of thy com - pas - si - ons seen, of thy com - pas - si -
mul - - ti - - tude, to the mul - ti - tude, of
of thy com - pas - si - ons seen, com - pas - si - ons seen.
- ons seen, of thy com - pas - si - ons seen.
thy com - pas - si - ons seen, of thy com - pas - si - ons seen.

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