

# Right blest are they

Beati quorum. Psal.32.

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius [Alto]

Tenor [Tenor]

Bassus [Tenor]

Right blest are they whose wick - ed

Right blest are they whose wick - ed sins, whose wick - ed sins,

Right blest are

sins, by God re - mit - - - ted be, re - mit - ted be, and

by God re - mit - ted be, by God re - mit - ted be, re - mit - ted

they whose wick - ed sins, by God re - mit - - - ted be,

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whose de - faults are co - ver - ed, and whose de - faults are co - ver - ed, through

be, and whose de - faults are co - ver - ed, are co - ver - ed, through his

re - mit - ted be, and whose de - faults are co - ver -

his great cle - men - cy, through his great cle - men - cy. The

great cle - men - cy, through his great cle - men - cy.

-ed, through his great cle - - - men - cy. The man

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man is blest, the man is blest,

The man is blest, is blest, the man is

is blest, the man is blest, is blest, is blest, the

to whom our Lord, to whom our Lord, our Lord  
blest, the man is blest, to whom our Lord hath not im - pu - ted  
man is blest, to whom our Lord our Lord, to whom our Lord

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hath not im - pu - ted sin, hath not im -  
sin, im - pu - ted sin, hath not im - pu - ted sin,  
hath not im - pu - ted sin, im - pu - ted sin, hath

-pu - ted sin, im - pu - ted sin, nor  
hath not im - pu - ted sin, nor in his sprit,  
not im - pu - ted sin, nor in his sprit, de -

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in his sprit, de - ceit is found,  
nor in his sprit de - ceit is found,  
-ceit is found, nor in his sprit de - ceit is

de - ceit is found, nor takes de - light there in,  
de - ceit is found, nor takes de - light there  
found, nor takes de - light there in, nor

de - light there - in, nor takes de - light, there - -  
 - in, nor takes de - light there - - in, nor takes de - light there -  
 takes de - light there - - in, nor takes de - light there - in,

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 - in, nor takes de - light, nor takes de - light there - -  
 - in, there - - in, nor takes de - light there - - in,  
 nor takes de - light there - - in, de - light there - in,

- - in, nor takes de - light there - - in.  
 nor takes de - light there - - in.  
 there - in, nor takes de - light there - in.

Source: William Byrd, *Songs of sundrie natures...* (London, 1589-1610), no.2.

Text: Anonymous metrical version of Psalm 32: 1-2.

All voices, 36-39: variously *sprit*, *sprite*, *spyrit* in 1589; *spirit* throughout 1596, 1610.

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