

The Lord looked down from heaven's high tower

New Version of Tate and Brady (1696)

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Psalm 53 vv. 2-6

[Air] $\text{♩} = 60$

1. The Lord looked down from heaven's high tower,
 2. *But* all, he saw, were back - wards
 3. But are those wor - kers of de -
 4. *Their* cause - less fears shall strange - ly
 5. Would he his sa - ving pow'r em -

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tower, gone, - ceit grow, - ploy
 The sons De - gen - 'rate and they, de - spised our ser - vile
 men grown, and sense - less of vile
 to and less of vile view; base; grown, God, band,

A rehearsal of this psalm by a village choir is described in Thomas Hardy's novel *Two on a Tower*.

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To see if a - ny owned his power, *[p]* Or truth or
None for re - li - gion cared, not one, Of all the
That they, like bread, my peo - ple eat, And God's just
Shall soon be - foiled; his hand shall throw Their shat - tered
Loud shouts of u - ni - ver - sal joy Should e - cho

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Loud shouts of u - ni - ver - sal joy

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jus - tice knew, *[f]* Or truth or jus - tice knew.
sin - ful race, Of all the sin - ful race.
pow'r dis - own, And God's just pow'r dis - own?
bones a - broad, Their shat - tered bones a - broad.
through the land, Should e - cho through the land.

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