

# Thou, Lord, by strictest search, hast known

New Version of Tate and Brady (1696)

Hymn 12, by Phocion Henley (1728-64)  
 Edited by Robert Barr and Francis Roads

## Cheerful [♩=120] Psalm 139 verses 1-8

Soprano [Air]

1. Thou, Lord, by strict - est search, hast known My  
 2. *Thine eye my bed and path sur - veys, My*  
 3. Sur - round - ed by thy pow'r I stand, On  
 4. *O could I so per - fi - dious be, To*  
 5. If up to heav'n I take my flight, 'Tis

Alto

Tenor

Bass

5

S  
 ris - ing up and ly - ing down; My se - cret thoughts are  
*pu - blic haunts and pri - vate ways; Thou know'st what 'tis my*  
 ev - 'ry side I find thy hand; O skill, for hu - man  
*think of once de - ser - ting thee, How, Lord, could I thy*  
 there thou dwell'st en - throned in light; Or dive to hell's in -

A

T  
 ris - ing up and ly - ing down; My se - cret thoughts are  
*pu - blic haunts and pri - vate ways; Thou know'st what 'tis my*  
 ev - 'ry side I find thy hand; O skill, for hu - man  
*think of once de - ser - ting thee, How, Lord, could I thy*  
 there thou dwell'st en - throned in light; Or dive to hell's in -

B

11

S  
 known to thee, Known long be - fore con - ceived by me.  
*lips would vent, My yet un - ut - tered words' in - tent.*  
 reach too high! Too daz - zling bright for mor - tal eye!  
*in - fluence shun? Or whi - ther from thy pre - sence run?*  
 fer - nal plains, 'Tis there al - migh - ty ven - geance reigns.

A

T  
 known to thee, Known long be - fore con - ceived by me.  
*lips would vent, My yet un - ut - tered words' in - tent.*  
 reach too high! Too daz - zling bright for mor - tal eye!  
*in - fluence shun? Or whi - ther from thy pre - sence run?*  
 fer - nal plains, 'Tis there al - migh - ty ven - geance reigns.

B

Bar 4 soprano note 1: ♩ in source.