

# He called for darkness, darkness came

New Version of Tate and Brady (1696)

Psalm 105 verses 28-35, 37, 45

Crowcombe, by Francis Roads (b. 1943)

[♩=72]

Soprano

1. He called for dark-ness, dark-ness came,  
 2. **He gave the sign, and swarms of flies**  
 3. He spake the word, and lo-custs came,  
 4. **He brought his ser-vants forth, en-riched**

Alto

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Tenor [Air]

1. He called for dark-ness, dark-ness came, Na-ture his sum-mons  
 2. **He gave the sign, and swarms of flies** **Came down in clou-dy**  
 3. He spake the word, and lo-custs came, With ca-ter-pil-lars  
 4. **He brought his ser-vants forth, en-riched** **With E-gypt's bor-rowed**

Bass

1. He called for dark-ness, dark-ness came, Na-ture his  
 2. **He gave the sign, and swarms of flies** **Came down in**  
 3. He spake the word, and lo-custs came, With ca-ter-  
 4. **He brought his ser-vants forth, en-riched** **With E-gypt's**

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S

Na-ture his sum-mons knew; Each stream and  
**Came down in clou-dy hosts,** **While earth's en-**  
 With ca-ter-pil-lars joined; They preyed up-  
**With E-gypt's bor-rowed wealth;** **And, what trans**

A

Na-ture his sum-mons knew;  
**Came down in clou-dy hosts,**  
 With ca-ter-pil-lars joined;  
**With E-gypt's bor-rowed wealth;**

T

knew, Na-ture his sum-mons knew; Each stream and lake, trans  
**hosts,** **Came down in clou-dy hosts,** **While earth's en-li-vened**  
 joined, With ca-ter-pil-lars joined; They preyed up-on the  
**wealth,** **With E-gypt's bor-rowed wealth;** **And, what trans-cends all**

B

sum-mons knew, Na-ture his sum-mons knew; Each  
**clou-dy hosts,** **Came down in clou-dy hosts,** **While**  
 -pil-lars joined; With ca-ter-pil-lars joined; They  
**bor-rowed wealth;** **With E-gypt's bor-rowed wealth;** **And,**

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S lake, Each stream and lake trans-formed to blood, The won - d'ring fish - es  
*li - vened, earth's en - li - vened dust be low, Bred lice through all their*  
 on, They preyed up - on the poor re mains, The storm had left be -  
*cends, And, what trans - cends all trea - sures else, En - riched with vig' - rous*

A  
 Each stream and lake, trans-formed to blood,  
*While earth's en - li - vened dust be low,*  
 They preyed up - on the poor re - mains,  
*And, what trans - cends all trea - sures else,*

T  
 8 formed to blood, Each stream and lake trans- formed to blood, The won - d'ring fish - es  
*dust be - low, While earth's en - li - vened dust be - low Bred lice\_ through all their*  
 poor re - mains, They preyed up - on the poor re - mains The storm had\_ left be -  
*treasures else, And, what trans-cends all treasures else, En - riched with\_ vig' - rous*

B  
 stream and lake, trans - formed to blood, The won - d'ring fish - es  
*earth's en - li - vened dust be - low, Bred lice through all their*  
 preyed up - on the poor re - mains, The storm had left be -  
*what trans-cends all treasures else, En - riched with vig' - rous*

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S slew, The won - d'ring fish - es slew, The won - d'ring fish - es slew.  
*coasts, Bred lice through all their coasts, Bred lice\_ through all their coasts,*  
 hind, The storm had\_ left be - hind, The storm had\_ left be - hind,  
*health, En - riched with\_ vig' - rous health, En - riched with\_ vig' - rous health,*

A  
 The won - d'ring fish - es slew.  
*Bred lice through all their coasts,*  
 The storm had left be - hind,  
*En - riched with vig' - rous health,*

T  
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In pu - trid\_ floods, through-out the land, The  
*He sent them bat - t'ring hail for rain, And -*  
From trees to\_ her - bage they des - cend, No  
*That they his\_ sta - tutes might ob - serve, His*

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*That they his\_ sta - tutes might ob - serve,*

T  
In pu - trid\_ floods, through - out the land, The pest of\_ frogs was  
*He sent them bat - t'ring hail for rain, And fire\_ for\_ cool - ing\_*  
From trees to\_ her - bage they des - cend, No ver - dant thing they  
*That they his\_ sta - tutes might ob - serve, His sa - cred laws o -*

B  
In pu - trid\_ floods, through - out the land, The pest of\_  
*He sent them bat - t'ring hail for rain, And fire\_ for\_*  
From trees to\_ her - bage they des - cend, No ver - dant  
*That they his\_ sta - tutes might ob - serve, His sa - cred*

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S  
pest\_ of\_ frogs\_ was\_ bred; From noi - some  
*fire\_ for\_ cool - ing\_ dew; He smote\_ their*  
ver - dant thing\_ they spare; But, like\_ the  
*sa - cred laws\_ o - bey; For be - ne -*

A  
The pest of\_ frogs\_ was\_ bred; From  
*And fire\_ for\_ cool - ing\_ dew; He*  
No ver - dant thing\_ they spare; But,  
*His sa - cred laws\_ o - bey; For*

T  
bred, The pest of\_ frogs\_ was\_ bred; From noi - some fens\_ sent  
*dew, And fire\_ for\_ cool - ing\_ dew; He smote\_ their vines\_ and*  
spare, No\_ ver - dant thing\_ they spare; But, like\_ the\_ na - ked  
*bey, His\_ sa - cred laws\_ o - bey; For be - ne - fits\_ so*

B  
frogs was\_ bred, The pest of\_ frogs was\_ bred; From noi - some fens\_ sent  
*cool - ing\_ dew, And fire\_ for\_ cool - ing\_ dew; He smote\_ their vines\_ and*  
thing they spare, No ver - dant thing\_ they spare; But, like\_ the\_ na - ked  
*laws o - bey, His sa - cred laws\_ o - bey; For be - ne - fits\_ so*

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S  
fens sent up to croak At Pha - - raoh's  
*vines and for - est plants, And gar - - den's*  
na - ked fal - low field, Leave all the  
*fits so vast let us Our songs of*

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*be - ne - fits so vast let us Our songs of*

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*for - - est plants, And gar - - den's*  
fal - - low field, Leave all the  
*vast let us Our songs of*

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*for - - est plants, And gar - - den's*  
fal - - low field, Leave all the  
*vast let us Our songs of*

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S  
board and bed, At Pha - raoh's board and bed.  
*pride o'er threw, And gar - den's pride o'er - threw.*  
pas - tures bare, Leave all the pas - tures bare.  
*praise re - pay, Our songs of praise re - pay.*

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