

# He called for darkness, darkness came

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New Version of Tate and Brady (1696)

Psalms 105 verses 28-35, 37, 45

Crowcombe, by Francis Roads (b. 1943)

[♩=72]

Soprano [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

Alto

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Tenor

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Bass

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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

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 With ca-ter-pil-lars joined;  
 With E-gypt's bor-rowed wealth;

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This is an adaptation of the original tenor-led version.

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S  
formed to blood, Each stream and lake trans- formed to blood, The won - dering 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 -  
treas - ures else, And, what trans - cends all treas - ures 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 treas - ures else,

T  
lake, Each stream and lake trans - formed to blood, The won - dering 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 treas - ures else, En - riched with vig' - rous

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what trans - cends all treas - ures 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.

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Bred lice through all their coasts,  
The storm had left be - hind,  
En - riched with vig' - rous health,

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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 -

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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  
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

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laws o bey, His sa - cred laws o - bey; For be - ne - fits\_ so

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S  
up to croak At Pha - - - - - raoh's  
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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