

# Thou, Lord, by strictest search, hast known

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New Version of Tate and Brady (1696)

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

Psalm 139 verses 1-8

**Cheerful** [ $\text{♩}=120$ ]

Soprano [Air] Thou, Lord, by strict - est search, hast known My  
Alto Thou, Lord, by strict - est search, hast known My  
Tenor Thou, Lord, by strict - est search, hast known My  
Bass Thou, Lord, by strict - est search, hast known My  
Keyboard

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S ri - ing up and ly - ing down;  
A ri - sing up and ly - ing down;  
T ri - sing up and ly - ing down;  
B ri - sing up and ly - ing down;  
Kbd.

2. Thine eye my bed and path surveys,  
My public haunts and private ways;  
Thou know'st what 'tis my lips would vent,  
My yet unuttered words' intent.

3. Surrounded by thy power I stand,  
On every side I find thy hand;  
O skill, for human reach too high!  
Too dazzling bright for mortal eye!

4. O could I so perfidious be,  
To think of once deserting thee,  
How, Lord, could I thy influence shun?  
Or whither from thy presence run?

5. If up to heaven I take my flight,  
'Tis there thou dwell'st enthroned in light;  
Or dive to hell's infernal plains,  
'Tis there almighty vengeance reigns.

Bar 4 soprano note 1:  $\text{♩}$  in source.

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S My se - cret thoughts - are known to thee, Known

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