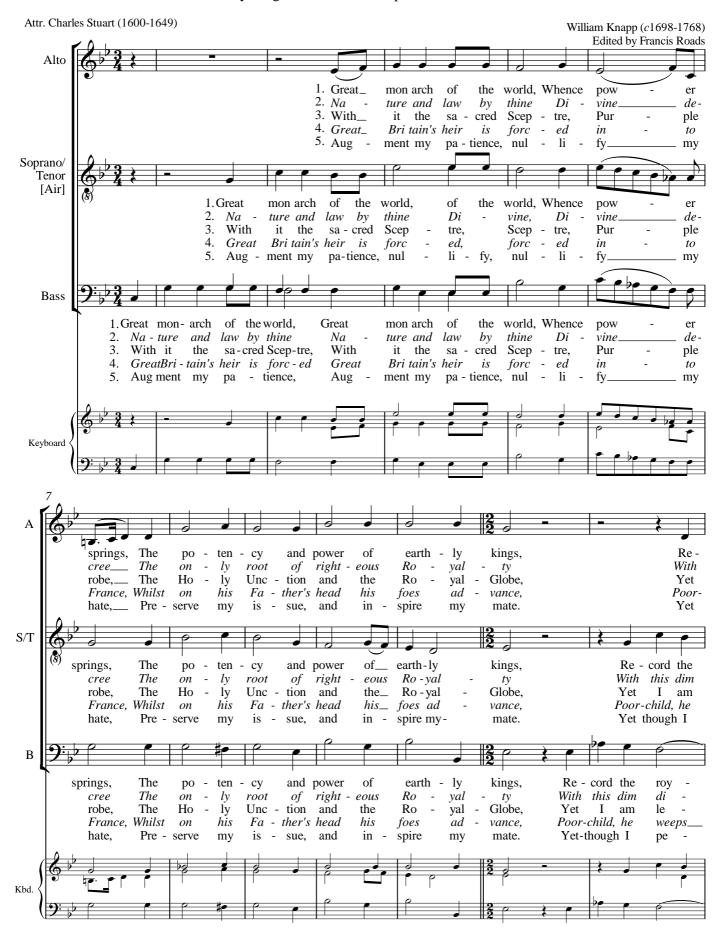
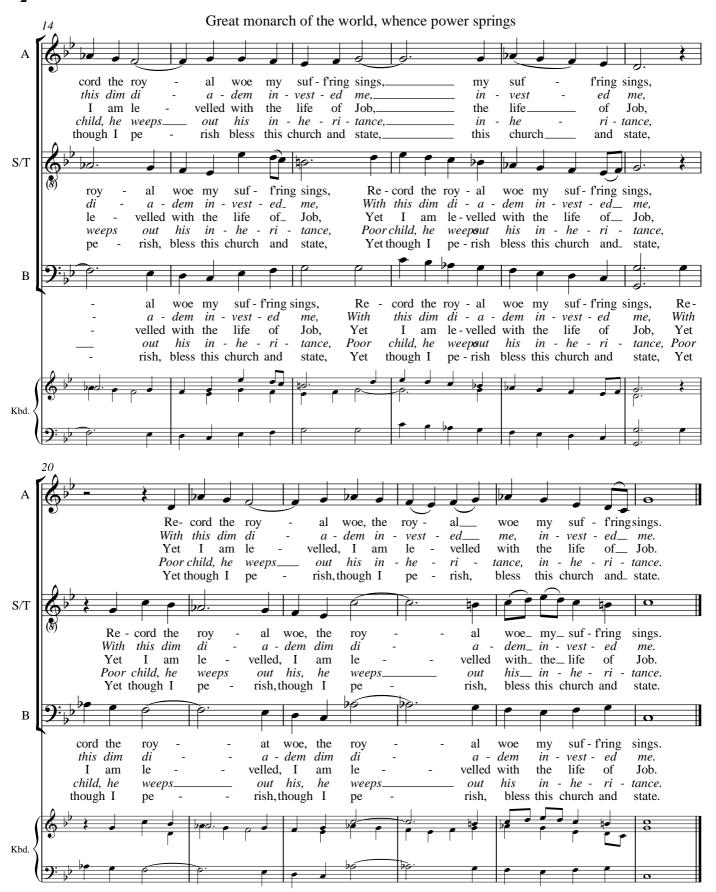
Great monarch of the world, whence power springs

Lines written by King Charles I while imprisoned in Carisbrooke Castle





This setting is headed, "King Charles being majesty in misery; an imploration wrote by his Majesty during his captivity in Carisbrooke Castle, 1648". At the time that Knapp set these words (1753), the second Jacobite rebellion would have been a very recent memory. Five verses have been selected from a much longer text. An earlier poem by Sir Walter Raleigh (1552-1618) entitled "Great monarch of the world, from whose power springs" may have influenced King Charles's text.

The allocation of parts and underlay of the text are conjectural.