

The Fool Declares to His Own Heart

From Psalm 53

The musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely SATB. The top part is in treble clef and the bottom part is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with some words in italics to indicate emphasis or specific phrasing. The score is divided into two systems, each with a repeat sign at the end.

1. The fool de - clares to his own heart: "There's no such one as God."
2. Our God from out of Heav - en looks Up - on the sons of men,
3. No, they have all be - come cor - rupt, Each one has turned his back;
4. Do they not know this is their way, These work - ers of much sin,
5. But they are o - ver - come with dread When they thought all was safe.
6. Oh, may de - liv - er - an - ces rise For Is - rael out of Zion!

They are cor - rupt, their deeds are vile, Not one of them does good.
To see if an - y un - der - stands, If an - y seeks for God.
There's no one who does an - y good, No, not a sin - gle one.
Who eat my peo - ple as their food, And do not call on God?
God van - quished them; You made them naught, For God has cast them off.
Ja - cob will joy, yes, Is - rael sing When God re - stores His own.

Music: *Scottish Psalter*, 1615; arr. John Milton (1608–1674)
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