

O Lord our Governor

Psalm 8, para. John Patrick

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
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The musical score consists of five staves. From top to bottom: Soprano I (treble clef), Soprano II (treble clef), Tenor (tenor clef), Bass (bass clef), and Continuo (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The time signature is common time (indicated by 'C'). The vocal parts enter sequentially, starting with Soprano I, followed by Soprano II, then Tenor, Bass, and finally Continuo. The lyrics are: "On earth thy name is O Lord our Gov - er-nor, on O Lord our Gov - er-nor, on". The continuo part provides harmonic support with sustained notes.

The musical score continues from the previous section. The vocal parts (Tenor, Bass, and Continuo) sing the lyrics: "ex - cel-lent, O Lord our Gov - er-nor, O Lord our Gov - er-nor, on". This is followed by a repeat of the lyrics: "Gov - er-nor, O Lord our Gov - er-nor, on". The vocal parts then sing: "earth thy name is ex - cel-lent, on earth thy name is ex - cel-lent, on earth thy name is ex - cel-lent, on". The continuo part provides harmonic support with sustained notes.

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Editorial accidentals in small type. Bass figures original; continuo realization editorial.

m. 29, tenor: upper and lower notes present in source; probably intended as ossia rather than divisi.

m. 64, b. 3, tenor and continuo: E-naturals missing.

m. 78: repetition of the opening section indicated but not written out.

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Gov - er - nor, thy glo - ry is;
earth thy name is ex - cel-lent, on earth thy name is ex - cel-lent; thy
O Lord our Gov - er-nor, on earth thy name is ex - cel-lent;
ex - cel-lent, on Earth thy name is ex - cel-lent; thy

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ex - al - ted far a - bove, thy glo - ry is ex - al - ted;
glo - ry is ex - al - ted far a - bove, thy glo - ry is;
thy glo - ry is ex - al - ted far a - bove, a - bove, thy
glo - ry is ex - al - ted far a - bove, thy glo - ry is;

6 5 6
4 3

18

far a - bove, is ex - al - ted far a - bove the fir - ma - ment.

ex - al - ted far a - bove, a - bove the fir - ma - ment.

glo - ry is ex - al - ted far a - bove the fir - ma - ment.

ex - al - ted far a - bove, a - bove the fir - ma - ment.

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From the weak pow'r____ of babes thou mak'st thy vic - t'ries a - rise,

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the weak pow'r____ of babes thou mak'st thy vic - t'ries a - rise,
From the weak pow'r____ of babes thou mak'st thy vic - t'ries a -
From the weak pow'r____ of

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thou mak'st thy vic - t'ries a - rise,
- rise, thou mak'st thy vic - t'ries a - rise, from
babes thou mak'st thy vic - t'ries a - rise, thou mak'st thy vic - t'ries a -
From the weak pow'r____ of babes thou mak'st thy

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from the weak pow'r____ of babes thou mak'st thy vic - t'ries a -
 ____ the weak pow'r____ of babes thou mak'st thy vic - t'ries a - rise;
 -rise, they still the tri-umphs of thy
 vic - t'ries, thy vic - t'ries a - rise;

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-rise; they still the tri-umphs of thy foes and shame thine en - e - mies, and shame thine
 they still the tri-umphs of thy foes____ and shame thine en - e - mies, and
 foes and shame thine en - e - mies, and shame thine en - e - mies,
 they still the tri-umphs of thy foes and shame thine

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en - e - mies, shame thine en - e - mies.
 shame, and shame thine en - - - e - mies.
 and shame thine thine en - - - e - mies.
 en - e - mies, thine en - - - e - mies.

38 [Solus]

When I to heav'n, thy glo - - - rious work, raise my ad-mir - ing

5
3

4
2

41

eye, and there be - hold the Moon_ and stars, the beau-ties of the

44

sky, Lord, what is man, that he should have in thy kind thoughts a

47

place, why dost thou thus ad - vance and bless his mi - - ser - a - ble race?

50 [Full]

Though low - er than the an - gels made, he wears a glo-ri-ous crown,

Though low - er than the an - gels made,

He wears a glo-ri-ous crown,

Though low - - er than the an - gels made, he

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he wears a glorious crown,
though low - er than the an-gels made, he wears a glorious crown,
though low - er than the an-gels made, though low - er than the an - gels made,
wears a glorious crown, though low -

7 6

56

thy works be - low all stoop to him, thy works be -
thy works be - low all stoop to him,
he wears a glo - rious crown, thy works be-low all stoop to him,
- er than the an - gels made, he wears a glo-rious crown; thy works be -

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- low all stoop to him, and for their sovereign own. The beasts
thy works be - low all stoop to him and for their sovereign own. The beasts
thy works be - low all stoop to him and for their sovereign own. The beasts that
- low all stoop to him, and for their sovereign own.

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— that in the pas - tures feed, — or in the des - erts lie, fish - es that
— that in the pas - tures feed, or in the des - - - erts lie, fish - es that
in the pas - tures feed, or in the des - erts lie,
Fish - es that move within the

65

move with-in the seas, and fowls be - neath, be - neath the sky,
move with-in the seas, and fowls be-neath the sky, these
fish - es that move within the seas, and fowls be - neath the sky,
seas, and fowls be - neath the sky,

68

these are his slaves,
— are his slaves, but let not
these are his slaves, but let not man dis - own God's
but let not man dis - own God's gov - ern-ment,

71

but let not man dis - own God's gov - ernment, whose
man dis - own God's gov - ernment, whose pow'r does
gov - ern-ment, whose pow'r does rule the world,
whose pow'r does rule the world, whose name a - lone is ex - cel-lent,

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pow'r does rule, whose pow'r does rule the world, whose pow'r
rule the world, whose pow'r does rule the world, whose pow'r does rule
whose name a - lone is ex - cel-lent, whose pow'r
whose pow'r does rule the

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— does rule the world, whose name a - lone is ex - cel-lent.

— the world, whose name a - lone, a - lone is ex - cel-lent.

— does rule the world, whose name a - lone is ex - cel-lent.

world, whose name a - lone is ex - cel-lent.

O Lord our Governor: as before

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3i

C

On earth thy name is ex - cel-lent,

3i

C

O Lord our Gov - er - nor,

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3i

C

O Lord our Gov - er - nor, on earth thy name is

3i

C

O Lord our Gov - er - nor, on earth thy name is

3i

C

O Lord our Gov - er - nor, on earth thy name is

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O Lord our Gov - er - nor, O Lord our Gov - er - nor, on
ex - cel-lent, on earth thy name is ex - cel-lent, on earth thy name is

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Gov - er - nor, thy glo - ry is
earth thy name is ex - cel-lent, on earth thy name is ex - cel-lent; thy
O Lord our Gov - er - nor, on earth thy name is ex - cel-lent;
ex - cel-lent, on Earth thy name is ex - cel-lent; thy

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ex - al - ted far a - bove, thy glo - ry is ex - al - ted
glo - ry is ex - al - ted far a - bove, thy glo - ry is
thy glo - ry is ex - al - ted far a - bove, a - bove, thy
glo - ry is ex - al - ted far a - bove, thy glo - ry is

6 5 5 6

95

far a - bove, is ex - al - ted far a - bove the fir - - ma - ment.
ex - al - ted far a - bove, a - bove the fir - - ma - ment.
glo - ry is ex - al - ted far a - bove the fir - ma - ment.
ex - al - ted far a - bove, a - bove the fir - - ma - ment.