What is the cause that thou, O Lord (Ps 10)

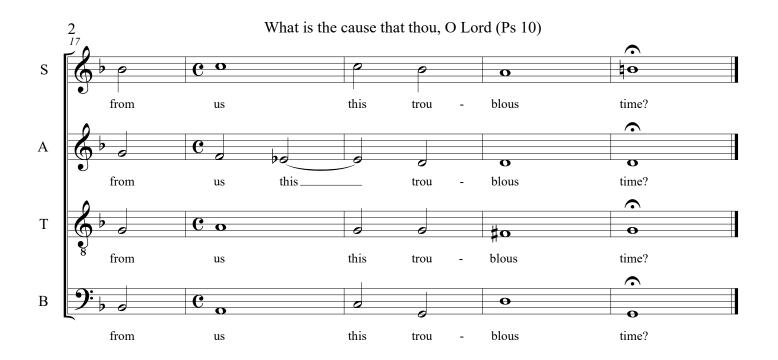
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- 2) The poor do perish by the proud and wicked men's desire: Let them be taken in the craft which they themselves conspire.
- 3) For in the lust of his own heart th'ungodly doth dlight; So doth we wicked praise himself, and doth the Lord despite.
- 4) He is so proud, that right and wrong he setteth all apart; Nay, nay there is no God, saith he, for thus he thinks in heart.
- 5) Because his ways do prosper still, he doth thy laws neglect; And with a blast doth puff against such as would him correct.
- 6) Tush, tush, saith he, I have no dread, lest my estate should nchange; And why? For all adversity to him is very strange.
- 7) His mouth is full of cursedness, of fraud, deceit, and guile; Under his tongue there nothing is but what is base and vile.
- 8) Hi lieth hid in ways and holes to slay the innocent: Against the poor that pass by him his cruel eyes are bent.
- 9) And, like a lion, privily lies lurking in his den, That he may smare them in his net, and spoil poor harmless men.
- 10) With cunning craft and sublety he croucheth down alway; So are great heaps of poor men made by his stron pow'r a prey.

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