

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

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Soprano
What is the cause that thou, O

Alto
What is the cause that thou, O

Tenor
What is the cause that thou, O

Bass
What is the cause that thou, O

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S Lord, art now so far from thine,
A lord, art now so far from thine,
T Lord art now so far from thine,
B Lord, art now so far from thine,

11
S and keepest close thy countenance,
A and keepest close the countenance,
T and keepest close the countenance,
B and keepest close the countenance,

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

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S
from us this trou - blous time?

A
from us this trou - blous time?

T
8
from us this trou - blous time?

B
from us this trou - blous time?

- 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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