

Job's Curse

Jeremy Taylor (1613-1667),
after the Book of Job

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
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Soprano

Let the Night per-ish, cur-

Continuo

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- sed be the Morn, wherein 'twas said, "There is a Man-child born!"

6

Let not the Lord re-gard that day, but shroud its fa-tal Glo-ry in some

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m. 22, voice: penultimate note G

m. 29, continuo: last note D

m. 34, voice: beat 4 written as

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sul - len Cloud: May the dark Shades of an E - ter - nal Night ex - clude

12
the least kind Beam of dawn - ing Light; let un-born Babes, as in the Womb they

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lie, if it be mention'd, give a Groan and die: No sounds of

18
Joy there-in shall charm the Ear; no Sun, no Moon, no twilight stars ap -

21
- pear; but a thick Veil of gloo - - my Darkness wear. Why

24

did I not, when first my Mother's Womb discharg'd me thence, drop down in -

7 6

26

-to my Tomb? Then had I been at quiet, and mine Eyes had slept, and

29

seen no Sor-row; there, there the Wise and Sub-tle

32

Coun-sel-lor, the Po-ten-tate, who for them-selves built Pa - -

34

- la-ces of State, lie hush'd in Si-lence; there's no Midnight cry, caus'd

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by Op - pres - sion, and the Ty - - ran - ny of wick - ed Rul - ers.

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39

Here, here the Wear - y cease — from La - bour, here the

44

Pris - 'ner sleeps — in Peace; the Rich, the Poor, — the

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Mon - arch, and the Slave, rest un - dis - turb'd, and no dis - tinc - tion

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have, with - in the — si - lent Cham - bers of the Grave.

59 Chorus

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