

III. Have Mercy on Us, O My Lord

from Four Motets

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Very slow
p espr.

Soprano
Have mer-cy on us, O my Lord. Be not far from us,

Alto
Have _____ mer - cy. Be not far off, -

Tenor
Have mer - cy, O Lord. Be not far,

Bass
Have _____ mer - cy. _____ Be not far

4

O my God. Give ear un - to our hum - ble prayer.

O my God. Give ear to our hum - ble prayer. _____

O my God. Give ear to our hum - ble prayer.

off, my God. Give ear to our hum - ble prayer.

7 *mf* At-tend and judge us in Thy_ might. *pp* Up - hold us with Thy

mf Judge_ us_ in Thy_ might. *pp* Ah, _____

8 *mf* Judge_ us_ in Thy_ might. *pp* Ah, _____

mf Judge us _____ in Thy_ might. *pp* Ah _____

10 guid - ing_ hand, up - hold us with Thy guid - ing_ hand.

Ah, _____

Ah, _____

_____ Lord, ah, Ah _____ Lord, _____

13 Re-store us to Thy kind - ly_ light, re-store us to Thy kind - ly_ light.

Ah, _____ Ah, _____

Ah, _____ Ah, _____

Ah _____ Lord, Ah, Ah, _____ Ah Lord, _____

17 *dim.* *ppp* *p espr.*

Ah, Ah, Have mer-cy on us, O my Lord.

dim. *ppp* *p espr.*

Ah, Have mer - cy.

dim. *ppp* *p espr.*

Ah, Have mer - cy, O Lord.

dim. *ppp* *p espr.*

Ah, Ah, Ah, Have mer - cy.

21

Be not far from us, O my God. O my heart is sore - ly pained.

Be not far off, O my God. O my heart is sore - ly pained.

Be not far off, my God. O my heart is sore - ly pained.

Be not far off, my God. My heart is sore-ly pained and calls on Thee in vain.

25 *a little faster* *p light*

Cast me not a - way from Thee. Then we shall trust in Thee, then we will bear our place.

p light

Cast me not a - way. Ah

p light

Cast me not a - way. Then, oh then, we shall trust in Thee, then we will

Ah cast me not a-way from sal-va - tion. *a little faster*

29

Then we shall trust in Thee, then we will bear our place. Then we shall trust in Thee,
 Ah bear our place. Then we shall trust in Thee, then we will bear our place. Then we shall
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then we will bear our place. Then we shall trust in Thee, then we will bear our place.
 Ah trust in Thee, then we will bear our place. Then we shall trust in Thee, trust Thee.
 O my Lord. Be not far from us, O my God.

Tempo I

35

Be not far from us, O my Lord.
 Be not far from us, O my Lord.
 Be not far from us, O my Lord.
 Be not far from us

Tempo I

38 *p heavy*
 — Oh my heart is sore - ly pained. —
p heavy
 — Oh my heart is sore - ly pained. —
 8 Lord. Oh my heart is sore - ly pained. —
p heavy
 Lord. — My heart is sore - ly pained and calls on Thee in vain.

41 *p espr.*
 Cast me not a - way from Thee. Have mer - cy on us, O — my Lord.
p espr.
 Cast me not a - way. — Have — mer - cy.
 8 *p espr.*
 Cast me not a - way. — Have — mer - cy, Oh — Lord.
p espr.
 O cast me not a - way from sal - va - tion. Have — mer - cy. —

45 *ppp*
 Be not far from us, O — my God, O — my God.
ppp
 Be not far off, O — my God, O — my God.
ppp
 Be not far, O — my God, O — my God.
ppp
 Be not far off, my God, O — my God.