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Glasgow Tune: TENOR, or Playnsong.

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- 1 For as greene grasse & flourishing herbs  
are cut and wither away:  
So shall their great prosperitie,  
soone passe, fade and decay.
- 2 Trust thou therefore in God alone,  
to doe vvell giue thy minde:  
So shalt thou haue the land as thine,  
and there sure foode shalt finde.
- 3 In God set all thy hearts delight,  
and looke what thou wouldest haue:  
Or else canst wish in all the world,  
thou needst it not to craue.
- 4 Cast both thy selfe and thine affaires,  
on God with perfect trust:  
And thou shalt see with patience,  
the effect both sure and iust.
- 5 Thy perfect life and godly name,  
he will cleare as the light:  
So that the Sun euen at noone dayes,  
shall not shine halfe so bright.
- 6 Be still therefore, and steadfastly,  
on God see thou vvaite then:  
Not shrinking for the prosperous state,  
of leu'd and vicked men.
- 7 Shake of despight, enuie and hate,  
and follow not their guile:  
Their vicked steps auoid and fye,  
at least in any vville.
- 8 For euery vicked man vwill God,  
destroy both more and lesse:  
But such as trust in him are sure,  
the land for to possesse.
- 9 Watch but a while & thou shalt see  
no more the vicked traynes:  
No not so much as house or place,  
where once he did remaine.
- The second part.
- 10 But mercifull and humble men,  
enjoy shall sea and land:  
In rest and peace, they shall reioyce,  
for nought shall them withstand.
- 11 The leu'd men and malicious,  
against the iust conspire:  
They gnash their teeth at him, as men  
whiche doe his bane desire.
- 12 But while that leu'd men thus do think  
the Lord laughs them to scorne:  
For why he seeth their terme approach,  
when they shall sigh and mourne.
- 13 The vicked haue their sword out  
their boweke haue they bent: (drawn.)  
To ouerthrow and kill the poore,  
as they the right way vent.
- 14 But the same sword shall pierce their  
which vvas to kill the iust: (hearts)  
Like vnto the bowe shal break to shivers  
vvherein they put their trust.
- 15 Doubtlesse the iust mans poore estate  
is better a great deale more:  
Then all these leu'd, and vworldly mens  
rich pomp and heaped store.
- 16 For be their poouer neuer so strong,  
God vwill it ouerthrow:  
Vvhere contrary he doth preferre,  
the humble men and low.
- 17 He seeth by his great prouidence,  
the good mens trade and way:  
And vwill giue them inheritance  
vvhich neuer shall decay.
- 18 They shall not be discouraged,  
vvhhen some are hard beset:  
Vvhen other shall be hunger-bit,  
they shall be clad and fed.
- 19 For vvhoseuer vicked is,

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- and enemie to the Lord:  
Shal quaffe, yea melt euen as lambs grese  
or smoake that flyeth abroad.
- The third part.*
- 20 Behold the vicked borroweth much  
and neuer payeth againe:  
Vvhereas the iust by liberall gifts,  
makes many glad and iaine.
- 21 For they vvhom God doth blesse shall  
the land for heritage: (haue,  
And they vvhom he doth curse like vnto  
shall perish in his rage.
- 22 The Lord the iust mans vwayes doth  
and giues him good successe: (guilt)  
To euery thing he takes in hand,  
hee sendeth good address.
- 23 Though that he fall yet is he sure,  
not vnto quaille.  
Because the Lord stretcheth out his hand,  
at need and doth not faile.
- 24 I haue bene young and now am olde,  
yet did I neuer see:  
The iust man left, nor yet his seed,  
to beg for misery.
- 25 But giues alwayes most liberally,  
and lendeth vvhether as is neede:  
His Children and posteritie,  
receiue of God their meede.
- 26 Flye vice therefore and vickednesse,  
and vertue doe embrace:  
So God shall grant thee long to haue,  
on earth a dwelling place.
- 27 For God so loueth equitie,  
and sheveth to his such grace:  
That hee preferres them euermore,
- 28 Vvhereas the good and godly men,  
inherit shall the land:  
Hauing as Lords all things therein,  
in their owne poouer and hand.
- 29 The iust mans mouth doth euer speak  
of matters wise and bie:  
His tongue doth talke to edifie,  
with truth and equitie.
- 30 For in his heart the law of God  
the Lord doth still abide:  
So that vvhether euer he goe or vvalke,  
his foote can neuer slide.
- 31 The vicked like a rauening vvolfe  
the iust man doth beset:  
By all meanes seeking him to kill,  
if he fall in his net.
- The fourth part.*
- 32 Though he should fall into his hands,  
yet God vould succour giue:  
Though men against him sentenç giue,  
God vould him yet defend.
- 33 Vvair thou on God & keep his vway,  
he shall preferre thee then:  
The earth to rule and thou shalt see,  
destroyd these vicked men.
- 34 The vicked haue I seene most strong,  
and placed in his degre:  
Flourishing in all vvealth and store,  
as doth the Laurell tree.
- 35 But sodenly he passeth away,  
and loe hee vvas quite gone:  
When I him sought but could scarce find,  
the place vvhether dwelt such one.