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*Oxford Tune. TENOR. or Playnsong.*

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2 The vicked tongue & guilfull mouth  
on me disclosed be:  
And they vwith false and lying tongue  
haue spoken vnto me.

3 They did beset me round about  
vwith vwords of hatefull spight:  
VWithout all cause of my desert  
against me they did fight.

4 For my good vwill they vvere my foes,  
but then gas I to pray:  
My good vwith ill, my friendlinesse  
vwith hate they did repay.

5 Set thou the vicked ouer him,  
to haue the vpper hand:  
At his right hand eke suffer thou  
his hatefull foe to stand.

6 VWhen he is iudged, let him then  
condemned be therein:  
7 And let the prayer that he makes  
be turned into sinne.

8 Few be his dayes, his charge also  
let thou another take:

9 His children let be fatherlesse,  
his vwife a vwidow make.  
10 Let his offspring be vagabonds,  
to beg and seeke their bread:  
Vandering out of the vruled place  
vwhere eacst they haue beene fed.

11 Let conctous extortioners

catch all his goods and store:  
And let the strangers spoyle the fruits  
of all his toyle before.  
12 Let there be none to pittie him,  
let there be none at all  
That on his children fatherlesse  
vwill let their mercy fall.

*The second part.*

13 And so let his posteritie  
for euer be destroyd:  
Their name out-blotted in the age  
that after shall succeed.

14 Let not his fathers vickednesse  
from Gods remembrance fall:  
And let thou not his mothers sinne  
be done avvay at all.

15 But in the presence of the Lord  
let them remaine for aye:  
That from the earth their memory  
he may cut cleane avvay.

16 Sith mercy be forgot to shew,  
but did pursue vwith spight  
The troubled man, and thought to slay  
the vwofull hearted vwitht.

17 As he did cursing loue, it shall  
betide vnto him so:  
And as he did not blessing loue,  
it shall be fauour him fro.

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*BASSVS.*

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18 As he vwith cursing clad himselfe,  
so like vwater shall  
Into his bowels, and like oyle  
into his bones befall.

19 As garment let it be to him,  
to couer him for aye:  
And as a girdle vwherevwith he  
shall girded be alway.  
20 Loe, let this fame be from the Lord  
the gerdon of my foe:  
Yes, and of those that euill speake  
against my soule also.

21 But thou O Lord that art my God,  
deale thou I say vwith me:  
After thy name deliuer me,  
for good thy mercies be.  
22 Because in depth of great distresse,  
I needy am and poore:  
And eke vwith in my pained brest  
my heart is vwounded fore.

*The third part.*

23 Euen so doe I depart avvay,  
as doth declining shade:  
And as the Grashopper, so I  
am shaken off and fade.  
24 VWith fasting long from needfull food  
enfebled are my knees:  
And all her fatnesse hath my sicth  
enforced becom to leese.

25 And I also a vile seproach,  
to them vvas made to be:  
And they that did vpon me looke,  
did shake their heads at mee,  
26 But thou O Lord that art my God  
mine aide and succour be:  
According to thy mercy Lord  
saue and deliuer me.

27 And they shal knowe wherby that this,  
Lord is thy mighty hand:  
And that thou, thou hast done it Lord,  
so shall they vnderstand.  
28 Although they curse vwith spite, yet  
shalt bleffe vwith louing voyce: (thou  
They shall arise and come to shame,  
thy seruant shall reioyce.

29 Let them be cloathed all vwith shame,  
that enemies are to me:  
And vwith confusion as a cloake  
eke couered let them be.  
30 But greatly I vwill vwith my mouth  
giue thanks vnto the Lord:  
And I among the multitude  
his praises vwill record.

31 For he vwith help at his right hand,  
vwill stand the poore man by:  
To saue him from the man that vwould  
condemne his soule to dye.