

CANTVS.

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TENOR, or Playnsong.

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1 yet like a foole I almost slipt,
my feet began to slide:
And eke I vsist euen at a pinch
my steps began to glide.
3 For when I saw such foolish men
I grudg'd and did disdain:
Thar vicked men all things should haue
vwithout turmoyle or paine.
4 They neuer suffer plagues nor grieffe
as if death should them smite:
Their bodies are both stout and strong,
and euer in good plight.
5 And free from all aduer sitie,
vwhen other men be shent:
And vwith the rest they take no part
of plague or punishment.
6 Therefore presumption doth embrace
their necks as doth a chaine:
And are euen vwrapt as in a robe
vwith rapine and disdain.
7 They are so fed, that euen for fat
their eyes oft times out start:
And as for vworldly goods they haue
more then can vwish their heart.
8 Their life is most licentious,
boasting much of the vvrong

VVhich they haue done to simple men,
and euer pride among.
9 The heauens and the liuing Lord
they spare not to blaspheme:
And prate they doe of vworldly things,
no wight they doe esteeme.
10 The people of God oft times turne
to see their prosperous state: (back
And almost drinke the selfe same cup
and follow the same rate.

The second part.

11 How can it be that God, say they,
should know and vnderstand
These vwordly things, since vicked men
be Lords of sea and land?
12 For vwee may see how vicked men
in riches still increase:
Revvarded vvell vwith vworldly goods
and liue in rest and peace.
13 Then vwhy doe I from vickednesse
my faultie refraine?
And vwash my hands vwith innocents,
and cleanse my heart in vaine?
14 And suffer scourges euery day,
as subiect to all blame?

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sustaine rebuke and shame?

The third part.

15 And I had almost said as they
misliking mine estate:
But that I should thy children iudge
as folke vnfortunate.
16 Then I bethought mee how I might
this matter vnderstand:
But yet the matter vvas too great,
for me to take in hand.
17 Vntill the time I vvent vnto
thy holy place, and then
I vnderstood right perfectly
the end of all these men.
18 And namely, how thou settest them
vpon a slippery place:
And at thy pleasure and thy will
thou dost them all deface.
19 Then shall men muse at this strange
to see how so daingly (sight,
They are desitoid, dispatcht, confumde,
and dead so horribly.
20 Much like a dream vwhen one awakes
so shall their vwealth decay:
Their famous names in all mens sight
shall ebbe and passe away.

21 yet thus my heart vvas grieued then,
my minde vvas much opprest:
22 So fond vvas I and ignorant,
and in this point a beast.
23 yet neuertheless by my right hand
thou hold'st me alwayes fast:
24 And vwith thy counsell dost me guide,
to glory at the last.
25 VVhat thing is there that I can vwish
but thee in heauen above?
And in the earth there is nothing
like thee that I can loue.
26 My flesh and eke my heart doth faile,
but God doth faile me neuer:
For of my heart God is the strength,
my portion eke for euer.
27 And loe all such as thee forsake
thou shalt destroy each one:
And those that trust in anything
sauing in thee alone.
28 Therefore I will dravv neere to God,
and euer vwith him dwell:
In God alone I put my trust
thy vvonders vwill I tell.

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