

Lord gouerns me

Psalm 23 - Yorkshire Psalter

SSATBB with Organ

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Lord gouerns me and nathyng sall me want;
in sted* of pasture thare he me sett.
On the watere of rehetynge* forth he me broght;
my saule he turnyd.
He led me on the stretis* of rightwisnes; for his name.
For whi, if i had gane* in myddis of the shadow of ded;
i sall noght dred illes*, for thou ert with me.
Thi wand and thi staf; thai haf confortyd me.
Thou has ordand* in my syght the bord;
agayns thaim that angirs me.
Thou fattid* me heued in oyle;
and my chalice drunkynand* what it is bright*.
And thi mercy sall folow me; all the dayes of my lif.
And that i won* in the hows of lord; in length of dayes.

* From: <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/med/>

sted - form of stēde (n.) - a place
rehetynge - form of rehētinge (ger.) - refreshment.
stretis - form of strēt(e (n.)) - a path or way
gane - gōn (v.) - to walk
illes - form of il(le) (n.) - evil (as opposed to good)
ordand - ordeinen (v.) - to prepare, to ordain
fattid - fatten (v.) - to anoint; to consecrate or bless
drunkynand - drōnknen (v.) - fig. to spiritually, uplift, inspire
bright - bright (n.) - Brightness, brilliance
wan - wōnen (v.) - to live (somewhere), reside, dwell

Richard Rolle's Psalter, Yorkshire, c. 1340
The Psalter or Psalms of David. Ed. H.R. Bramley. Oxford, 1884.

Middle English Pronunciation Guide:
<https://mediakron.bc.edu/alliterativepoetry/pronunciation>

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Easy Two (♩ = 94) *Tranquil mp*

Soprano
 Lord gouerns me he nathyng sall me want; in sted of pastur-e thare he me sett. On the

Alto
 Lord gouerns me he nathyng sall me want; in sted of pastur-e thare he me sett. On the

Tenor

Bass

Organ

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water-e of re-hetyng for he me broght;

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my saule he turnyd. He led me on the stretis of rightwis-nes for his

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22 *mf*

For whi if i had gane in middis of the shadow of ded; i sall nocht dred nocht dred il-les, for thou ert with

mf

For whi if i had gane in middis of the shadow of ded; i sall nocht dred nocht dred il-les, for thou ert with

mf

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Sopranos

34 *mf*

me. Thi wand and thi staf; thai haf con-fortyd me Thou has ordand in my syght the bord; agayns thaim that angirs

me.

me.

me.

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me *mf* And thi mercy shall fol-low me; all the

Tenors *mf* And thi mercy shall fol-low me; all the

mf Thou fat-tid my heued with oyle; and my cha-lic-e drunkynand what it is bright. *mf* And thi mercy shall follow me; all the

mf And thi mercy shall fol-low me; all the

55

mf dayes of my lif, And that i wan in the hows of lord; in length of dayes; in length of dayes.

mf dayes of my lif, And that i wan in the hows of lord; in length of dayes; in length of dayes.

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