

The Lord looked down from heaven's high tower

New Version of Tate and Brady (1696)

"Devizes", by Isaac Tucker (1761-1825)
 Edited by Francis Roads; symphony by Mike Bailey

Psalm 53 vv. 2-6

[♩=60]

Soprano [Air]

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Alto

Tenor

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Bass

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A rehearsal of this hymn by a village choir is described
 in Thomas Hardy's novel *Two on a Tower*.

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To see if a - ny owned his power, *[p]* Or truth or
None for re - li - gion cared, not one, Of all the
That they like bread, my peo - ple eat, And God's just
Shall soon be - foiled; his hand shall throw Their shat - tered
Loud shouts of u - ni - ver - sal joy Should e - cho

A
[p]

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14

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jus - tice knew, *[f]* Or truth or jus - tice knew.
sin - ful race, Of all the sin - ful race.
pow'r dis - own, And God's just pow'r dis - own?
bones a - broad, Their shat - tered bones a - broad.
through the land, Should e - cho through the land.

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[f]

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20 Symphony

S
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A
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