

Thou, Lord, by strictest search, hast known

Psalm 139 vv. 1-8

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"Hymn 12", by Phocion Henley (1728-64)

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Cheerful [♩=120]

Soprano [Air]

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1. Thou, Lord, by strict - est search, hast known My
 2. *Thine eye my bed and path sur - veys, My*
 3. Sur - round - ed by thy pow'r I stand, On
 4. *O could I so per - fi - dious be, To*
 5. If up to heav'n I take my flight, 'Tis

ris - ing up and ly - ing down; My se - cret thoughts are
 pu - blic haunts and pri - vate ways; Thou know'st what 'tis my
 ev - 'ry side I find thy hand; O skill, for hu - man
 think of once de - ser - ting thee, How, Lord, could I thy
 there thou dwell'st en - throned in light; Or dive to hell's in -

known to thee, Known long be - fore con - ceived by me.
 lips would vent, My yet un - ut - tered words' in - tent.
 reach too high! Too dazz - ling bright for mor - tal eye!
 in - fluence shun? Or whi - ther from thy pre - sence run?
 fer - nal plains, 'Tis there al - migh - ty ven - geance reigns.

Bar 4 soprano note 1: ♩ may be intended here.