

He called for darkness, darkness came

New Version of Tate and Brady (1696)

Psalm 105 vv. 28-35, 37, 45

"Crowcombe", by Francis Roads (b. 1943)

[♩=72]

Soprano

1. He called for dark-ness, dark-ness came,
 2. He gave the sign, and swarms of flies
 3. He spake the word, and lo-custs came,
 4. He brought his ser-vants forth, en-riched

Alto

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Tenor [Air]

1. He called for dark-ness, dark-ness came, Na-ture his sum-mons
 2. He gave the sign, and swarms of flies Came down in clou-dy
 3. He spake the word, and lo-custs came, With ca-ter-pil-lars
 4. He brought his ser-vants forth, en-riched With E-gypt's bor-rowed

Bass

1. He called for dark-ness, dark-ness came, Na-ture his
 2. He gave the sign, and swarms of flies Came down in
 3. He spake the word, and lo-custs came, With ca-ter-
 4. He brought his ser-vants forth, en-riched With E-gypt's

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S

Na-ture his sum-mons knew; Each stream and
 Came down in clou-dy hosts, While earth's en-
 With ca-ter-pil-lars joined; They preyed up-
 With E-gypt's bor-rowed wealth; And, what trans-

A

Na-ture his sum-mons knew;
 Came down in clou-dy hosts,
 With ca-ter-pil-lars joined;
 With E-gypt's bor-rowed wealth;

T

knew, Na-ture his sum-mons knew; Each stream and lake, trans
 hosts, Came down in clou-dy hosts, While earth's en-li-ved
 joined, With ca-ter-pil-lars joined; They preyed up-on the
 wealth, With E-gypt's bor-rowed wealth; And, what trans-cends all

B

sum-mons knew, Na-ture his sum-mons knew; Each
 clou-dy hosts, Came down in clou-dy hosts, While
 -pil-lars joined; With ca-ter-pil-lars joined; They
 bor-rowed wealth; With E-gypt's bor-rowed wealth; And,

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S
lake, Each stream and lake trans-formed to blood, The won - d'ring fish - es
li - vened, earth's en - li - vened dust be low, Bred lice through all their
on, They preyed up - on the poor re mains, The storm had left be -
cends, And, what trans - cends all trea - sures else, En - riched with vig' - rous

A
Each stream and lake, trans-formed to blood,
While earth's en - li - vened dust be low,
They preyed up - on the poor re - mains,
And, what trans - cends all trea - sures else,

T
formed to blood, Each stream and lake trans - formed to blood, The won - d'ring fish - es
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poor re - mains, They preyed up - on the poor re - mains The storm had left be -
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S
slew, The won - d'ring fish - es slew, The won - d'ring fish - es slew.
coasts, Bred lice through all their coasts, Bred lice through all their coasts,
hind, The storm had left be - hind, The storm had left be - hind,
health, En - riched with vig' - rous health, En - riched with vig' - rous health,

A
The won - d'ring fish - es slew.
Bred lice through all their coasts,
The storm had left be - hind,
En - riched with vig' - rous health,

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19

S
 In pu - trid_ floods, through - out the land, The
 He sent. them bat - t'ring hail for rain, And -
 From trees to_ her - bage they des - cend, No
 That they his_ sta - tutes might ob - serve, His

A
 In pu - trid_ floods, through - out the land,
 He sent. them bat - t'ring hail for rain,
 From trees to_ her - bage they des - cend,
 That they his_ sta - tutes might ob - serve,

T
 In pu - trid_ floods, through - out the land, The pest of_ frogs was.
 He sent. them bat - t'ring hail for rain, And fire_ for_ cool - ing_
 From trees to_ her - bage they des - cend, No ver - dant thing they
 That they his_ sta - tutes might ob - serve, His sa - cred laws o -

B
 In pu - trid_ floods, through - out the land, The pest of_
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 From trees to her - bage they des - cend, No ver - dant
 That they his sta - tutes might ob - serve, His sa - cred

24

S
 pest of frogs was bred; From noi - some
 fire_ for cool - ing_ dew; He smote_ their
 ver - dant thing they spare; But, like_ the
 sa - cred laws o - bey; For be - ne -

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 bey, His_ sa - cred laws o - bey; For be - ne - fits so

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 fens sent up to croak At Pha - - raoh's
 vines and for - est plants, And gar - - den's
 na - ked fal - low field, Leave all the
 fits so vast let us Our songs of

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S
 board and bed, At Pha - raoh's board and bed.
 pride o'er threw, And gar - den's pride o'er - threw.
 pas - tures bare, Leave all the pas - tures bare.
 praise re - pay, Our songs of praise re - pay.

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