

Great monarch of the world, whence power springs

Lines written by King Charles I while imprisoned in Carisbrooke Castle

Attr. Charles Stuart (1600-1649)

William Knapp (c1698-1768)

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Alto

1. Great_ mon-arch of the world, Whence pow - er
 2. *Na - ture and law by thine* Di - vine_ de-
 3. With_ it the sa - cred Scep - tre, Pur - ple
 4. *Great Bri-tain's heir is forc - ed* in - to
 5. Aug - ment my pa - tience, nul - li - fy_ my

Soprano/
Tenor
[Air]

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 2. *Na - ture and law by thine* Di - vine, Di - vine_ de-
 3. With it the sa - cred Scep - tre, Scep - tre, Pur - ple
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 5. Aug - ment my pa - tience, nul - li - fy, nul - li - fy_ my

Bass

1. Great mon- arch of the world, Great mon-arch of the world, Whence pow - er
 2. *Na - ture and law by thine* Na - ture and law by thine Di - vine_ de-
 3. With it the sa - cred Scep - tre, With it the sa - cred Scep - tre, Pur - ple
 4. *Great Bri-tain's heir is forc - ed* Great Bri-tain's heir is forc - ed in - to
 5. Augment my pa - tience, Aug - ment my pa - tience, nul - li - fy_ my

Keyboard

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A

springs, The po - ten - cy and power of earth - ly kings, Re -
cree The on - ly root of right - eous Ro - yal - ty With
 robe, The Ho - ly Unc - tion and the Ro - yal - Globe, Yet
 France, Whilst on his Fa - ther's head his foes ad - vance, Poor
 hate, Pre - serve my is - sue, and in - spire my mate. Yet

S/T

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cree The on - ly root of right - eous Ro - yal - ty With this dim
 robe, The Ho - ly Unc - tion and the_ Ro - yal - Globe, Yet I am
 France, Whilst on his Fa - ther's head his_ foes ad - vance, Poor-child, he
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B

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 hate, Pre - serve my is - sue, and in - spire my mate. Yet though I pe -

Kbd.

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A

cord the roy - al woe my suf - fring sings, my suf - fring sings,
this dim di - a - dem in - vest - ed me, in - vest - ed me,
 I am le - velled with the life of Job, the life of Job,
child, he weeps out his in - he - ri - tance, in - he - ri - tance,
 though I pe - rish bless this church and state, this church and state,

S/T

(8)
 roy - al woe my suf - fring sings, Re - cord the roy - al woe my suf - fring sings,
di - a - dem in - vest - ed me, *With this dim di - a - dem in - vest - ed me,*
 le - velled with the life of Job, Yet I am le - velled with the life of Job,
weeps out his in - he - ri - tance, *Poor child, he weeps out his in - he - ri - tance,*
 pe - rish, bless this church and state, Yet though I pe - rish bless this church and state,

B

- al woe my suf - fring sings, Re - cord the roy - al woe my suf - fring sings, Re -
 - a - dem in - vest - ed me, *With this dim di - a - dem in - vest - ed me,* *With*
 - velled with the life of Job, Yet I am le - velled with the life of Job, Yet
 - *out his in - he - ri - tance,* *Poor child, he weeps out his in - he - ri - tance,* *Poor*
 - rish, bless this church and state, Yet though I pe - rish bless this church and state, Yet

Kbd.

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A

Re - cord the roy - al woe, the roy - al woe my suf - fringsings.
With this dim di - a - dem in - vest - ed me, in - vest - ed me.
 Yet I am le - velled, I am le - velled with the life of Job.
Poor child, he weeps out his in - he - ri - tance, in - he - ri - tance.
 Yet though I pe - rish, though I pe - rish, bless this church and state.

S/T

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Poor child, he weeps out his, he weeps out his in - he - ri - tance.
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This setting is headed, "King Charles being majesty in misery; an imploration wrote by his Majesty during his captivity in Carisbrooke Castle, 1648". At the time that Knapp set these words (1753), the second Jacobite rebellion would have been a very recent memory. Five verses have been selected from a much longer text. An earlier poem by Sir Walter Raleigh (1552-1618) entitled "Great monarch of the world, from whose power springs" may have influenced King Charles's text.

The allocation of parts and underlay of the text are conjectural.