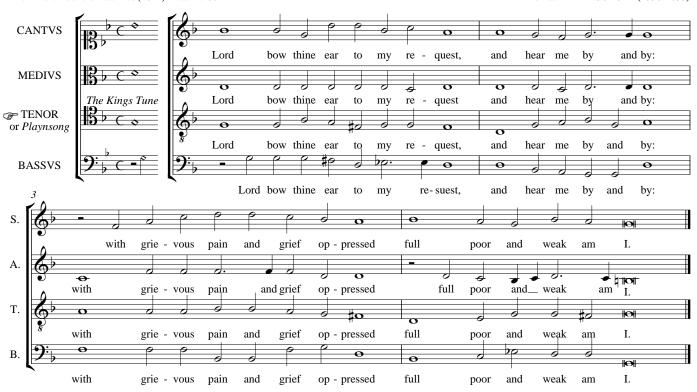
## Lord bow thine eare

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - Psalme 86

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- 2. Preserve my soul because my ways and doings holy be:
  And save thy servant O my Lord, that puts his trust in thee.
- 3. The mercy Lord on me express, defend me eke withall:
  For through the day I do not cease on thee to cry and call.
  4. Comfort O Lord thy servant's soul, that now with pain is pined:
  For unto thee Lord I extoll and lift my soul and mind.
- 5. For thou art good and bountiful, thy gifts of grace are free:
  And eke thy mercy plentiful to all that call on thee.
  6. O Lord likewise when I do pray regard and give an ear:
  Mark well the words that I do say, and all my prayers hear.
- 7. In time when trouble doth me move to thee I do complain:For why? I know and well do prove, thou answerest me again.8. Among the Gods, Lord there is none with thee to be compared:And none can do as thee alone, the like hath not been heard.

## The second part.

- 9. The Gentiles and the people all, which thou didst make and frame: Before thy face on knees shall fall, and glorify thy name.

  10. For why? thou art so much of might, all power is thine own:
  Thou workest wonders still in sight, for thou art God alone.
- 10. O teach me Lord thy way, and I shall in thy truth proceed:
  O join my heart to thee so nigh, that it thy name may dread.
  11. To thee my God will I give praise, with all my heart (O Lord)
  And glorify thy name always, for ever through the world.

- 13. For why? thy mercy shewed to me is great and doth excell:
  Thou sett'st my soul at liberty out from the lower hell.
  14. O Lord the proud against me rise; and heaps of men of might:
  They seek my soul and in no wise will have thee in their sight.
- 15. Thou Lord art merciful and meek full slack and slow to wrath:
  Thy goodness is full great, and else thy truth no measure hath.
  16. O turn to me and mercy grant, thy strength to me apply:
  O help and save thine own servant, thine handmaid's son am I.
- 17. On me some sign of favor shew, that all my foes may see,
  And be ashamed because Lord thou dost help and comfort me.

## Critical notes:

This setting is similar to the one of Psalm 32; text somewhat modernised.