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# O Lord, Thou God of Vengeance

for SATB chorus *a cappella*

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NOTE

Unless otherwise indicated, eighth-note values remain constant across bar lines.

(from Psalm 94)

O Lord, thou God of vengeance,  
thou God of vengeance, shine forth!  
Rise up, O judge of the earth,  
render to the proud their deserts!  
O Lord, how long,  
how long shall the wicked ones triumph?  
They pour out their arrogant words,  
they boast, all the evildoers.  
They crush thy people,  
and afflict thy heritage.  
They slay the widow and the stranger,  
and murder the fatherless;  
they gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous,  
and condemn the innocent blood;  
and they say, "The Lord does not see;  
the God of Jacob does not perceive."  
Understand, O dullest of the people!  
Fools, when will you be wise?  
He who made ears, does he not hear?  
He who made eyes, does he not see?  
He who made justice, does he not chastise?  
He who made knowledge, does he not know?  
Who rises up for me against the wicked?  
Who stands up for me against evil?  
The Lord is my defense;  
my God is the rock of my refuge.  
And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity,  
and shall wipe them out in their own wickedness;  
the Lord our God shall wipe them out.  
O Lord, thou God of vengeance,  
thou God of vengeance, shine forth!

# O Lord, Thou God of Vengeance

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Relentlessly; in strict time (♩=138; ♩=92) (Tempo I)

SOPRANO mp  
thou God of ven-geance, thou God of ven-geance,

ALTO mp  
thou God of ven-geance, thou God of ven-geance,

TENOR mp  
Lord, Lord,

BASS mp  
Lord, Lord,

Relentlessly; in strict time (♩=138; ♩=92) (Tempo I)

(FOR REFERENCE ONLY)

S. (mp) shine forth! Rise up, O judge of the earth; ren-der to the proud their de-serts!

A. (mp) shine forth! Rise up, O judge of the earth; ren-der to the proud their de-serts!

T. (mp) shine forth! Rise up, O judge of the earth; ren-der to the proud their de-serts!

B. (mp) shine forth! Rise up, O judge of the earth; ren-der to the proud their de-serts!

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(2+2+3+2)

S. *mf legato*

A. *mf legato*

T. *sub mp* (2+2+3+2) They

B. *sub mp* (2+2+3+2) Lord, how long, how long shall the wick-ed ones tri-umph? O Lord, how long,

Lord, how long shall

*mf legato*

4 sub mp

S. //

A. //

T. //

B. //

pour out their ar-ro-gant words, they

pour out their ar-ro-gant words, they

how long shall the wick-ed ones tri-umph? O Lord, how long, how long shall the wick-ed ones

the wick-ed

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Fiercely (♩=88)

S. ref-uge. And he shall bring up-on them their own in-iq-ui-ty, and shall wipe them out in their own wick-ed-ness;

A. ref-uge. And he shall bring up-on them their own in-iq-ui-ty, and shall wipe them out in their own wick-ed-ness;

T. ref-uge. And he shall bring up-on them their own in-iq-ui-ty, and shall wipe them out in their own wick-ed-ness;

B. ref-uge. And he shall bring up-on them their own in-iq-ui-ty, and shall wipe them out in their own wick-ed-ness;

Fiercely (♩=88)

S. // Tempo I *ff* the Lord our God shall wipe them out.

A. *ff* the Lord our God shall wipe them out.

T. *ff* the Lord our God shall wipe them out.

B. *ff* the Lord our God shall wipe them out.

*Molto rall. molto cresc.* ----- *fff* ----- *A tempo*

Tempo I the Lord our God shall wipe them out.

*Molto rall.* ----- *A tempo*

135

S. (4+3) mp (2+3)

thou God of ven-geance,

A. (4+3) (2+3) mp

thou God of ven-geance,

T. sub mp (4+3) (2+3)

Lord,

B. (4+3) mp (2+3)

(4+3) (2+3) Lord, 135

sub mp (mp)

S. // (mp) *molto* ff

shine forth!

A. (mp) *molto* ff

shine forth!

T. (mp) *molto* ff

shine forth!

B. *molto* sffz

shine forth!

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(mp) *molto* sffz