Early, O Lord, my fainting soul

Psalm 63:1-9, para. John Patrick

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
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Soprano I

Soprano II
(or Alto)

Alto
(or Tenor)

Bass

Continuo

Early, O Lord, my fainting soul Thy mercy does implore,

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Can thirst, can thirst for water more, No
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I long to appear as I was wont, Within thy holy place, Thy pow'r and glory to behold, And to partake thy grace, I long to appear as

I was wont, Within thy holy place, Thy pow'r and glory to behold, And to partake thy grace.

For life itself without thy love No relish, no

For life itself without thy love, for life without thy love No relish, no
To re-lish can af-ford; no oth-er joys, no oth-er joys can e-qual this: To
re-lish can af-ford; no oth-er joys can e-qual this, can e-qual this: To
re-lish can af-ford; No oth-er joys can e-qual, e-qual this: To
re-lish can af-ford; No oth-er joys, no oth-er joys can e-qual this: To
serve and praise the Lord. I’ll there-fore make my pray’rs to thee, I’ll there-fore
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serve and praise the Lord. I’ll there-fore make my pray’rs to
make my pray'rs to thee, will therefore make my pray'rs to thee, And bless thee
to thee, I'll therefore make my pray'rs, my pray'rs to thee, And bless thee
I'll therefore make my pray'rs to thee, will make my pray'rs to thee, And bless thee
whilst I live; This, this, like the choicest dainties, will Both food and pleasure
give, this, this, like the choicest dainties, will both food and pleasure give.

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Solus

When others sleep, my wakeful thoughts Present thee to my mind; And in the night__

I think how good My God has been and kind. Since thou alone hast been my
help, To thee alone I fly; And on thy watchful providence With cheer ful-ness re-

Dan - gers, whilst thou art near to me, Do threat - en me in
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Dan - gers, whilst thou art near to me, Do threat-en, threat - en me in

-ly. Dan - gers, whilst thou art near to me, Do threat-en me in

vain, When I keep close, keep close to God, his
vain, When I keep close, when I keep close, keep close to
vain, When I keep close, when I keep close to God, when I keep close to

vain, When I keep close, keep close to God, his care and pow’r will me sus -
care And pow'r will me sus-tain,
God, his care And pow'r will me sus-tain,

And pow'r will me sus-tain,
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