

*Audi, benigne Conditor*  
**Hear, O Bounteous Maker, Hear**  
"Primer", 1706 / BABYLON'S STREAMS



1. Hear, O thou bounteous Maker, hear  
our humble vows with gracious ear:  
turn not thy saving face away  
whilst on this solemn fast we pray.
2. Great searcher of our hearts, to thee  
we here deplore our misery;  
behold, we to thy mercies fly,  
do thou thy healing grace apply.
3. Great are our sins, O Lord, but thou  
canst pardon more than we can do;  
may our defects, like shadows, raise  
the beauty and the life of grace.
4. May fasts extinguish in our will  
the fuel and desire of ill,  
and thus our souls, from fetters free,  
may only thirst and follow thee.
5. Grant, O most sacred Trinity,  
one undivided Unity,  
that abstinence may here improve  
our claim to reign with thee above.

Inspiration: "Audi, benigne Conditor", attributed to Pope Saint Gregory the Great, 540-604.  
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