

Audi, benigne Conditor

Hear, O Bounteous Maker, Hear

"Primer", 1706 / BABYLON'S STREAMS

1. Hear, O thou bounteous Mak - er, hear our hum - ble vows with gra - cious ear:
2. Great search - er of our hearts, to thee we here de - plore our mis - er - y;
3. Great are our sins, O Lord, but thou canst par - don more than we can do;
4. May fasts ex - tin - guish in our will the fu - el and de - sire of ill,
5. Grant, O most sa - cred Trin - i - ty, one un - di - vid - ed U - ni - ty,

1. turn not thy sav - ing face a - way whilst on this sol - emn fast we pray.
2. be - hold, we to thy mer - cies fly, do thou thy heal - ing grace ap - ply.
3. may our de - fects, like shad - ows, raise the beau - ty and the life of grace.
4. and thus our souls, from fet - ters free, may on - ly thirst and fol - low thee.
5. that ab - sti - nence may here im - prove our claim to reign with thee a - bove.

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

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Music: BABYLON'S STREAMS; Thomas Campion, 1575-1619; harmonization adapted from "The English Hymnal", 1906.