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Transposed up a major third for The Davey Consort.

Accidentals above noteheads are editorial. All others present in source.

Altus [10.1] tone lower in source.

Quintus [20] sharp in source.

C,A,T,B [36-38] rhythms adjusted for underlay - source treats *evils* as one syllable.

Tenor [75.2] split to fit underlay.

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c.1600-1650

O Lord, I bow the knees of my heart, requiring mercy of thee: O Lord, I have sinned, and known mine iniquities: forgive me, and destroy me not with mine iniquities, neither do thou always remember mine evils to punish them; but save me, which am unworthy, after thy great mercy, and I will praise thee everlasting all the days of my life; for all the virtues of heaven praiseth thee, and unto thee belongeth all glory, world without end. Amen.

O Lord I bow the knees

William Mundy (c.1529–1591)

Handel's setting of "O Lord, I bow the knees of my heart" for five voices (Cantus, Altus, Quintus, Tenor, Bassus) in G major, 4/4 time.

Cantus: The top voice begins with a sustained note on the first beat. The lyrics start at the end of the second measure: "O Lord, _____".

Altus: The second voice enters on the third measure. The lyrics continue: "O Lord, I bow the".

Quintus: The third voice enters on the fourth measure. The lyrics continue: "knees of my heart, _____".

Tenor: The fourth voice enters on the fifth measure. The lyrics continue: "I bow the knees of my heart, _____".

Bassus: The bottom voice begins on the sixth measure. The lyrics start at the end of the eighth measure: "O Lord, I bow the".

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I bow the knees of my heart, requir-ing mer-cy of thee, mer-

knees of my heart, requir-ing mer-cy of thee,

re-quir-ing mer-cy of thee, O Lord, I bow the

O Lord, I bow the knees of my heart, requir-ing mer-cy, re-

knees of my heart, requir-ing mer-cy of thee, O Lord,

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- cy of thee, O Lord, I bow the knees of my heart,
 O Lord, I bow the knees of my heart, re -
 knees of my heart, O Lord, I bow the knees of
 quir - - ing mer - cy of thee, O Lord, I bow the knees
 - I bow the knees of my heart, re - quir - ing mer - cy of thee, re -

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re - quir - ing mer - cy of thee:
 quir - ing mer - cy of thee: O Lord, I have sin - ned,
 - my heart, re - quir - ing mer - cy of thee: O Lord, -
 - of my heart, re - quir - ing mer - cy of thee: O Lord, I have
 quir - - ing mer - cy of thee:

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O Lord, I have sin - ned, and known mine in - i - qui -
 and known mine in - i - qui - ties,
 - I have sin - ned, and known mine in - i - qui - ties, and
 sin - ned, and known mine in - i - qui - ties, and
 O Lord, I have sin - ned, and

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ties, and known mine in - i - qui - - ties,
 O Lord, I have sin - néd, and known mine in - i - qui -
 known mine in - i - qui - ties, O Lord, I have
 known mine in - i - qui - ties, O Lord, I have sin - néd, and
 known mine in - i - qui - ties, and known mine in - i - qui -

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O Lord, I have sin - néd, and known mine in -
 ties, and known mine in - i - qui - ties, O Lord, I have
 sin - néd, and known mine in - i - qui - ties:
 known mine in - i - qui - ties, O Lord, I have sin - néd,
 ties, O Lord, I have sin - néd, and known

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i - qui - ties: for - give me, and de - stroy me not, for -
 sin - néd, and known mine in - i - qui - ties: for - give me,
 for - give me, and de - stroy me not,
 - and known mine in - i - qui - ties: for - give me, and de - stroy me
 mine in - i - qui - ties: for - give me, and de -

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give me, and de - stroy me not with mine in - i - qui - ties, in - i - qui -
and de - stroy me not, for - give me, and de - stroy me not with
for - give me, and de - stroy me not with mine in - i - qui -
not, for - give me, and de - stroy me not with mine in - i - qui -
stroy me not, for - give me, and de - stroy me not with mine in -

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ties, nei - ther do thou al - ways re - mem - ber mine
mine in - i - qui - ties, nei - ther do
ties, with mine in - i - qui - ties, nei - ther do thou al -
ties, in - i - qui - ties, nei - ther do thou al - ways re - mem -
i - qui - ties, nei - ther do thou al - ways re -

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e - vils to pun - ish them, to pun - ish them; but save me
thou al - ways re - mem - ber mine e - vils to pun - ish them; but save me
ways re - mem - ber mine e - vils to pun - ish them; but
- ber mine e - vils, re - mem - ber mine e - vils to pun - ish them; to pun - ish them;
mem - ber mine e - vils to pun - ish them, to pun - ish them;

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which am un - wor - thy, aft - er thy great mer - cy, but
 which am un - wor - thy, but save me,
 save me, which am un - wor - thy, aft - er thy great mer -
 but save me, which am un - wor - thy, aft - er
 — but save me, which am un - wor -

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save me, which am un - wor - thy, aft - er thy great mer -
 which am un - wor - thy, aft - er thy great mer - cy,
 - cy, but save me, which am un - wor - thy, aft - er
 thy great mer - cy, but save me, which am un -
 - thy, aft - er thy great mer - cy, but save me,

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- cy, but save me, which am un - wor - thy, aft - er thy great mer -
 but save me, which am un - wor - thy, aft - er thy great mer - cy,
 thy great mer - cy, aft - er thy great mer - cy, and I will
 wor - thy, aft - er thy great mer - cy, and I will praise thee
 which am un - wor - thy, aft - er thy great mer - cy, aft - er

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cy, and I will praise thee ev - er - last - ing - ly, and
and I will praise thee ev - er - last - ing - ly,
praise thee ev - er - last - ing - ly, and I will praise thee
ev - er - last - ing - ly, and I will praise thee ev -
thy great mer - cy, and I will praise thee ev - er - last - ing - ly, and

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I will praise thee ev - er - last - ing - ly all the days of my
and I will praise thee ev - er - last - ing - ly all the days of my
ev - er - last - ing - ly all the days of my life, all the days of my
er - last - ing - ly, ev - er - last - ing - ly all the days of my
I will praise thee ev - er - last - ing - ly all the days of my

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life, of my life; for all the
life, all the days of my life; for
life; for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, the
life; for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, the
life, all the days of my life; for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais

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vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, prais - eth thee,
 all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, of heav'n prais - eth
 vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, for all the vir - tues of heav'n
 heav'n prais - eth thee, for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth
 - eth thee, for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, for all the

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for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, heav'n prais - eth
 thee, for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, for all the
 prais - eth thee, for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, and un - to
 thee, for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee,
 vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, and un - to thee be -

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thee, and un - to thee be - long - eth all glo -
 vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, and un - to thee be - long - eth all
 thee be - long - eth all glo - ry, world with - out
 and un - to thee be - long - eth all glo - ry, world with-out
 long - eth all glo - ry, be - long - eth all glo - ry, world with - out

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- ry, world with - out____ end, and un - to thee be -
glo - ry, world with - out end, world with - out end, and un - to
end, and un - to thee be - long - eth all_ glo - ry,
end, with-out end, and un - to thee be - long - eth all
end, and un - to thee be - long - eth all glo - ry, be - long - eth all

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long - eth all glo - ry, world with - out____ end.
thee be - long - eth all glo - ry, world with - out end. A -
world with - out end, world with - out end. A -
glo - ry, world with - out end, world with - out end. A -
glo - ry, world with - out end, world with - out end. A -

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A - - - men.
men.
men.
men.
men.