

My words, as griev'd to God I pray

William Shield

Text: James Merrick,
 on Ps. 18, vv. 6-9, 16.

God's awful appearance in Behalf
 of his afflicted Servant.

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My words, as griev'd to God I pray, Wing to his
 With strong con-vul-sions groan'd the ground; The hills, with
 Col-lect-ed clouds of wrea-thing smoke Forth from his
 In-cum-bent on the ben-ding sky, The Lord des-
 God in my res-cue from the skies His arm ex-

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heav'n-ly fane their way, Through ad-verse clouds their
 wa-ving fo-rests crown'd, Loos'd from their base, their
 an-gry nos-trils broke, And orbs of fire, with
 cen-ded from on high, And bade the dark-ness
 tends, and bids me rise E-mer-gent from the

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Notes:

This setting is attributed to 'Mr. Shield' in the source.

Only the first verse of the five given here is underlaid in the source: the other verses are printed after the music and have been underlaid editorially.

The E in the first soprano part on beat 1 of bar 10 and the A in the first soprano part and F in the second soprano part on beat 1 of bar 12 are shown in the source as small crotchet grace notes, followed by a semibreve in each case; these appoggiature have here been expanded editorially.