

Job's Curse

Jeremy Taylor (1613-1667),
after the Book of Job

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
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Soprano

Continuo

Let the Night per - ish; cur -

sed be the Morn, wherein 'twas said, "There is a Man-child born!"

Let not the Lord re-gard that day, but shroud its fa - tal Glo - ry in some

sul - len Cloud: May the dark Shades of an E - ter - nal Night ex - clude

the least kind Beam of dawn - ing Light; let un - born Babes, as in the Womb they

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m. 22, voice: penultimate note G
m. 29, continuo: last note D
m. 34, voice: beat 4 written

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 lie, if it be mention'd, give a Groan—and die: No sounds of

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 Joy there-in shall charm the Ear; no Sun, no Moon, no twilight Stars ap-

21
 -pear; but a thick Veil of gloo - - - my Darkness wear. Why

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 did I not, when first— my Mother's Womb discharg'd me thence,— drop— down in -

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 -to my Tomb? Then— had I been at qui - et, and mine Eyes had slept, and

29
 seen— no— Sor-row; there, there— the Wise and Sub-tle

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 Coun-sel-lor, the Po-ten-tate, who for them-selves built— Pa -

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- la - ces of State, lie_ hush'd in Si - lence; there's_ no Midnight cry, caus'd_

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_ by Op - pres - sion, and the Ty - - ran - ny of wick - ed Rul - ers.

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Here, here the Wear - y cease_ from La - bour, here the

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Pris - 'ner sleeps_ in Peace; the Rich, the Poor,_ the

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Mon - arch, and the Slave, rest un - dis - turb'd, and no dis - tinc - tion

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have, with - in the_ si - lent Cham - bers of the Grave.

59 Chorus

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