

# **Exaudi, Deus**

Psalm 61  
for six-part vocals

Stefan Klaverdal

© 2004

first performed by Vox Scaniensis / Peter Wallin  
1 july 2004 Stenbrohult

## **About the piece**

This piece is composed for six solo voices. However it is possible to do it in a choir, but then it needs to be clear whether or not one wishes to do the unmeasured parts as tactus (following a conductor), or more freely. Both are options.

It is also perfectly possible to use different choreographing when performing. The piece is frequently using a double choir-setup, changing from s-mz-t and a-bar-b to womens and mens choir. The music gains from being performed visually.

Also the lyrics is from psalms, no. 61, and regarding desperation and hope. Please consider the translation supplied here before singing the piece.

## Rules for notation

In this piece, there are two different layers of the usage of rhythms:

"In tempo" - normally notated music, following normal rules.

"Unmeasured" - rhythmically free. Sing freely.

## Special signs and symbols in unmeasured parts

In these sections all notes are supposed to be performed rhythmically free and independent of any puls and other parts.

The only synchronization that is supposed to happen is the notes directly after a barline, when the notes directly after should start at the same time in all parts.

● = short note

○ = long note

♪ = very short note, or ornament

• = phrase ending or very short rest

˘ = rest (if not placed above a note, then it is a normal fermata)

## The lyrics

**Psalm 61** (60) Nova Vulgata Bibliorum Sacrorum Editio

2

Exaudi, Deus, deprecationem meam,  
intende orationi meae.

3

A finibus terrae ad te clamavi,  
dum anxiaretur cor meum.  
In petram inaccessam mihi deduc me!

4

Quia factus es spes mea,  
turris fortitudinis a facie inimici.

5

Inhabitabo in tabernaculo tuo in saecula,  
protegar in velamento alarum tuarum,

6

quoniam tu, Deus meus, exaudisti vota mea,  
dedisti hereditatem timentium nomen tuum.

*Psalm 61 from 21st century King James Version  
(revised verse numbers by composer)*

2

*Hear my cry, O God;  
attend unto my prayer.*

3

*From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee  
when my heart is overwhelmed;  
lead me to the rock that is higher than I.*

4

*For Thou hast been a shelter for me  
and a strong tower from the enemy.*

5

*I will abide in Thy tabernacle for ever;  
I will trust in the refuge of Thy wings. Selah*

6

*For Thou, O God, hast heard my vows;  
Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear Thy name.*

# Exaudi, Deus

Psalm 61

Stefan Klaverdal

exclamatory  
**in tempo** ♩ = 90

*mf*

*f*

Soprano



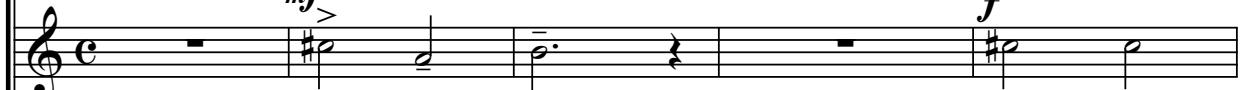
Ex - au - di,

Ex - au -

*mf*

*f*

Mezzo-Soprano



Ex - au - di,

Ex - au -

Alto



Ex - au - di,

Tenor



Ex - au -

Baritone



Ex - au - di,

Bass



Ex - au - di,

6

Sop. *ff*  
di, Ex - au - di, De - us, de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem me - am,

Mezzo *ff*  
di, Ex - - - au - di, De - - - us, de - pre - ca - ti -

Alto *f* *ff*  
Ex - au - di, Ex - au - di, Ex - au - di, De - us,

T *ff*  
di, Ex - - - au - di, De - us, de - pre - ca - ti -

Bar. *f* *ff*  
Ex - au - di, Ex - au - di, De - - - us,

Bs. *f* *ff*  
Ex - au - di, Ex - au - di, De - us,

12

Sop. *fff*  
Ex - - - au - di, Ex - au - di, De - us,

Mezzo *fff*  
nem - me - am, Ex - au - di, De - us, me -

Alto *f* *mp*  
de - - - pre - ca - ti - o - nem de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem

T *fff*  
o - nem me - am, Ex - au - di, De - us,

Bar. *f* *mp*  
de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem me - am, de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem

Bs. *f* *mp*  
de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem me - am, de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem

submissively

18      *mp*

Sop.      me - - - am, \_\_\_\_\_ in - ten - de o - ra - ti - o -

Mezzo      - - - am, \_\_\_\_\_ in - ten - - de in - ten - de o - ra - ti - o -

Alto      - me - - - am, in - ten - de o - - - ra - ti - o - ni

T      *mp*  
8      me - - - am,

Bar.

Bs.

me - - - am,

with anxiety

24      *mf*

Sop.      ni \_\_\_\_ me - ae. \_\_\_\_\_ ad te cla - ma -

Mezzo      ni \_\_\_\_ me - ae. me - ae. me - ae. \_\_\_\_\_ ad te cla - ma -

Alto      me - - - ae. me - ae. me - ae. \_\_\_\_\_ ad \_\_\_\_ te \_\_\_\_\_

T      *p*  
8      ad \_\_\_\_ te \_\_\_\_ cla - ma - vi, \_\_\_\_\_

Bar.

A fi - ni-bus ter - rae ad \_\_\_\_ te

Bs.

ad \_\_\_\_ te \_\_\_\_\_

## *unmeasured*

29

Sop. vi,

Mezzo vi, cor me - - - um.

Alto *mf* dum — an - xi - a - re - - - tur

T T

Bar.

Bs.

## *with hope in tempo*

30

Sop. *p* In \_\_\_\_\_ pe - - - - tram *f* pe - - - - tram \_\_\_\_\_

Mezzo *p* In \_\_\_\_\_ pe - - - - tram *f* pe - - - - tram \_\_\_\_\_

Alto *p* In \_\_\_\_\_ pe - - - - tram *f* pe - - - - tram \_\_\_\_\_

T *p* In \_\_\_\_\_ pe - - - - tram *f* pe - - - - tram \_\_\_\_\_

Bar. *p* In \_\_\_\_\_ pe - - - - tram *f* pe - - - - tram in - - ac -

Bs. *p* In \_\_\_\_\_ pe - - - - tram *f* pe - - - - tram

***unmeasured***

33

Sop.

Mezzo

Alto

T

Bar.

Bs.

ces - - - sam -----

mi - hi ----- Non dim!

de - - - - - duc -----

This musical score page shows six staves for Soprano, Mezzo-soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Bassoon. The key signature is common C. Measure 33 begins with a single note on each staff. The Bassoon staff has a melodic line with eighth-note pairs. The Bass staff has a sustained note. The vocal parts sing 'ces - - - sam -----' followed by 'mi - hi ----- Non dim!', 'de - - - - - duc -----'. Measure 34 starts with a single note on each staff.

with hope  
(non unis/irregular)

***in tempo ♩ = 90***

35

Sop.

Mezzo

Alto

T

Bar.

Bs.

Qui - - - a fac - - - - tus es ----- spes -----

Qui - - - a fac - - - - tus es ----- spes -----

Qui - - - a fac - - - - tus es ----- spes -----

Qui - - - a fac - - - - tus

Qui - - - a fac - - - - tus

me!

This musical score page shows six staves for Soprano, Mezzo-soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Bassoon. The key signature changes to three sharps. Measure 35 starts with a single note on each staff. The vocal parts sing 'Qui - - - a fac - - - - tus es ----- spes -----'. The bassoon has a melodic line with eighth-note pairs. The bass staff has a sustained note. Measures 36-37 continue with similar patterns. The bassoon has a melodic line with eighth-note pairs. The bass staff has a sustained note. The vocal parts sing 'Qui - - - a fac - - - - tus'. The bassoon has a melodic line with eighth-note pairs. The bass staff has a sustained note. The vocal parts sing 'me!'. Measure 38 starts with a single note on each staff.

*rit.*

37

Sop. me - a,  
Mezzo tur - - - ris for - ti - tu-di - nis  
Alto me - a, for - ti - tu-di - nis  
T. me - a, a fa - ci - e i - ni - mi - ci.  
Bar. tur - - - ris for - ti - tu-di - nis  
Bs. tur - - - ris for - ti - tu-di - nis

peacefully  
*in tempo*

1)

42

Sop. In - - - ha - bi - ta - bo  
Mezzo In - - - ha - bi - ta - bo  
Alto In - - - ha - bi - ta - bo  
T. In - - - ha - bi - ta - bo  
Bar. In - - - ha - bi - ta - bo  
Bs. In - - - ha - bi - ta - bo

1)

This bar may either be repeated any number of times, or perf. only once.

In any case it should be perf. in every singers' individual tempo.

If repeated, one may choose to continue in the next bar on cue

Klaverdal: Exaudi, Deus / Psalm 61

from the conductor, from any part of the bar.

45

Sop. in ta - ber - na - cu - lo tu - o in sae - cu - la,

Mezzo in ta - ber - na - cu - lo tu - o in sae - cu - la,

Alto in ta - ber - na - cu - lo tu - - o in sae - cu - la,

T in ta - ber - na - cu - lo tu - - o in sae - - - eu - la,

Bar. — ta - ber - na - cu - lo tu - - - o in sae - cu - la,

Bs. in ta - ber - na - cu - lo tu - - - o in sae - cu - la,

with confidence *poco rit.*

50 *pp*  
Sop. pro - te - - gar \_\_\_\_ in ve - la - men - to a - la - rum  
Mezzo pro - te - - gar \_\_\_\_ in ve - la - men - to a - la - rum  
Alto pro - te - - gar \_\_\_\_ in ve - la - men - to a - la - rum  
T *pp* a - la - rum tu - a - -  
Bar. *pp* a - la - rum tu - a - -  
Bs. *pp* a - la - rum tu - a - -

submissively

**in tempo** ♩ = 60-70

56

Sop. Mezzo Alto T Bar. Bs.

De - us me - us, \_\_\_ me - us,  
De - us me - us,  
quo - ni - am \_\_\_ quo - ni-am \_\_\_ tu, ex - au -  
rum,  
De - us me - us, \_\_\_ me - us,  
rum,  
De - us me - us,  
rum,  
De - us me - us,

63

Sop. Mezzo Alto T Bar. Bs.

ex - au - dis - ti vo - ta \_\_\_ me - a, de - di - sti  
ex - au - dis - ti vo - ta \_\_\_ me - a, de - - - di - - sti  
dis - ti de - - - di - - sti  
me - a, he -  
me - a, he -  
me - a, he -

*rit.*

70

Sop. he - re - di - ta - tem ti - men - ti - um no - men tu - um. tu - um.

Mezzo he - re - di - ta - tem ti - men - ti - um no - men tu - um. tu - um.

Alto he - re - di - ta - tem ti - men - ti - um no - men tu - um. tu - um.

T. 8 re - di - ta - tem no - men tu - - - um. tu - um.

Bar. re - di - ta - tem no - men tu - - - um. tu - um.

Bs. re - di - ta - tem no - men tu - - - um. tu - um.