

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

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T. Ravenscroft's *Psalmes*

1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way His
2. You fear - ful saints, fresh cour age take; The
3. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But
4. His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, Un -
5. Blind un - be - lief is sure to err, And

won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot steps
clouds you so much dread Are big with mer - cy
trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing
fold - ing ev - ery hour: The bud may have a
scan His work in vain: God is His own in -

in the sea, And rides up - on the storm.
and shall break In blessings on your head.
prov - i - dence He hides a smil - ing face.
bit - ter taste, But sweet will be the flower.
- ter - pret - er, And He will make it plain.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves. The first four staves correspond to the five verses of the hymn, with the fifth verse spanning the fourth and fifth staves. The next four staves correspond to the second part of the hymn, with the final line spanning the seventh and eighth staves. The music is a simple, homophonic setting with a steady bass line and moving upper parts.