

Creation

"Words by Dr. Watts"
Psalm 139, Hymn ii:19 (CM)

WILLIAM BILLINGS (1746-1800)
The Continental Harmony (1794)

Treble
Counter
Tenor
Bass

When I with plea - sing won - der stand, And all my
When I with plea - sing won - der stand, And all my
When I with plea - sing won - der stand, And all my
When I with plea - sing won - der stand, And all my

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frame sur - vey, Lord, 'tis thy work, I own thy hand, Thus built my
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frame sur - vey, Lord, 'tis thy work, I own thy hand, Thus built my
frame sur - vey, Lord, 'tis thy work, I own thy hand, Thus built my

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hum - ble clay. Lord, 'tis thy work, I own thy hand, Thus built my hum - ble clay.
hum - ble clay. Lord, 'tis thy work, I own thy hand, Thus built my hum - ble clay.
hum - ble clay. Lord, 'tis thy work, I own thy hand, Thus built my hum - ble clay.
hum - ble clay. Lord, 'tis thy work, I own thy hand, Thus built my hum - ble clay.

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Our life con - tains a thou - sand springs, And dies if one be

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Our life con - tains a thou - sand springs, And dies if one be

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gone. Strange that a harp of thou - sand strings Should keep in

gone. Strange that a harp of thou - sand strings Should keep in

gone. Strange that a harp of thou - sand strings Should keep in tune so

gone. Strange that a harp of thou - sand strings Should keep in tune so long.

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tune so long. Should keep in tune, should keep in tune so long.

tune so long. Strange that a harp of thou - sand strings Should keep in

long. Should keep in tune so long. Should

Strange that a harp of thou - sand strings Should keep in tune so long. Should keep in

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Should keep in tune so long. Should keep in tune so long. Strange that a
tune, Should keep in tune so long.
keep in tune so long. Should keep in tune so long. Strange that a harp of
tune so long. Should keep in tune so long.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 39 through 44. It features four staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment (treble clef), a basso continuo (treble clef with a 6/8 time signature), and a bass line (bass clef). The music is in a minor key. The lyrics are: "Should keep in tune so long. Should keep in tune so long. Strange that a tune, Should keep in tune so long. keep in tune so long. Should keep in tune so long. Strange that a harp of tune so long. Should keep in tune so long."

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harp of thou - sand strings Should keep in tune so long, so long.
Our life con - tains a thou - sand springs, And dies if one be gone.
thou-sand strings Should keep in tune so long.
Strange that a harp of thou - sand strings Should keep in tune so long.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 45 through 49. It features four staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment (treble clef), a basso continuo (treble clef with a 6/8 time signature), and a bass line (bass clef). The music is in a minor key. The lyrics are: "harp of thou - sand strings Should keep in tune so long, so long. Our life con - tains a thou - sand springs, And dies if one be gone. thou-sand strings Should keep in tune so long. Strange that a harp of thou - sand strings Should keep in tune so long."

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so long. Should keep in tune so long. Should
Strange that a harp of thou-sand strings Should keep in tune so long. Should keep in tune so
Should keep in tune so long.
Strange that a harp of thou-sand strings Should keep in tune, Should

Detailed description: This system contains measures 50 through 54. It features four staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment (treble clef), a basso continuo (treble clef with a 6/8 time signature), and a bass line (bass clef). The music is in a minor key. The lyrics are: "so long. Should keep in tune so long. Should Strange that a harp of thou-sand strings Should keep in tune so long. Should keep in tune so Should keep in tune so long. Strange that a harp of thou-sand strings Should keep in tune, Should"

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keep in tune so long. Strange that a harp of thousand strings Should keep in tune so long.

long, so long. Strange that a harp of thousand strings Should keep in tune so long.

Strange that a harp of thousand strings Should keep in tune so long.

keep in tune so long. Strange that a harp of thousand strings Should keep in tune so long.