

# When David Heard

Performing Edition:  
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Thomas Tomkins  
(1573-1656)

Soprano  
Alto 1  
Alto 2  
Tenor  
Bass

When Da - vid heard that Ab - sa - lom was slain, that

Ab - sa - lom was slain, he went up to his cham - ber,  
Ab - sa - lom, Ab - sa - lom was slain, he went up to his cham - ber, he went up to his  
lom was slain, was slain, he went up to his cham - ber, he went up to his  
Ab - sa - lom was slain, was slain, he went up to his

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o - ver the gate, the gate, and wept, and wept, and  
cham - ber o - ver the gate, the gate, and wept, and wept, and  
cham - ber o - ver the gate, the gate, and wept, and wept, and wept, and  
o - ver the gate, the gate, and wept, and wept, and  
cham - ber o - ver the gate, and wept, and wept, and

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The musical score consists of six staves. The first five staves are vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass) and the sixth staff is the Piano accompaniment. The lyrics are as follows:

thus he said: O my son,  
thus he said, thus he said: O my son, my son, O my  
thus he said: O my son, O my son,  
said, he said: O my son, my son, my son, O  
and thus he said: O my

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Ab - sa - lom, Ab - sa - lom my son, O Ab - sa - lom.

Ab - sa - lom my son, Ab - sa - lom, Ab - sa - lom my

Ab - sa - lom my son, Ab - sa - lom, O my son, O Ab - sa -

-sa - lom my son, my son, O Ab - sa - lom, O my son.

Ab - sa - lom, Ab -

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my son,  
son, Ab - sa - lom, my son, Would God I had died for thee, for  
lom my son, Ab - sa - lom my son, my son,  
O Ab - sa - lom my son: Would God I had died for  
sa - lom my son, my son, O my son,

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Would God I had died for thee, for thee, would God I had  
thee, would God I had died, died for  
Would God I had died for thee, would  
thee, for thee, would God  
my son, Would God I had died, I had died for

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died I had died for thee, thee  
thee would God I had died for thee, for  
God I had died for thee for thee, Ab -  
I had died for thee, would God I had died for thee,  
thee, would God I had died for thee, Ab - sa -

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Ab - sa-lom my son, my son, Ab - sa-lom  
 thee Ab - sa-lom my son, my son, O Ab - sa-lom,  
 - sa-lom my son, Ab - sa-lom my son, my  
 Ab - sa-lom, Ab - sa-lom my son, O Ab-sa-lom my son, my  
 lom my son, my son, O my son, Ab - sa

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my son, O Ab - sa-lom my son, O my  
 Ab - sa-lom, Ab-sa-lom my son, O  
 son, Ab - sa-lom my son, O Ab - sa-lom my  
 son, Ab - sa-lom my son, O Ab - sa-lom my son,  
 lom my son, my

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son, Ab - sa-lom my son.  
 Ab - sa-lom my son, O Ab - sa-lom, Ab - sa-lom my son.  
 son, O Ab - sa-lom my son.  
 O Ab - sa-lom my son, my son.  
 son, O Ab - sa-lom my son.