

# London Gallery Quire 236

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Montrosse Tone, by Andrew Melvill  
from *The Psames of David, Aberdene, 1633*  
Edited by Nicholas Markwell and Francis Roads

'Tis by thy strength the mountains stand  
Psalm 65 verses 6-14 & doxology

[♩=100]

Soprano [Air]

'Tis by thy strength the moun - tains stand, God  
Thy mor - ning light and eve - ning shade Suc -  
Sea - sons and times, and moons, and hours, Heav'n,  
The thir - sty ridg - es drink their fill, And

Alto

'Tis by thy strength the moun - tains stand, God  
Thy mor - ning light and eve - ning shade Suc -  
Sea - sons and times, and moons, and hours, Heav'n,  
The thir - sty ridg - es drink their fill, And

Tenor

'Tis by thy strength the moun - tains stand, God of  
Thy mor - ning light and eve - ning shade Suc - ces -  
Sea - sons and times, and moons, and hours, Heav'n, earth,  
The thir - sty ridg - es drink their fill, And ranks

Bass

'Tis by thy strength the moun - tains stand, God  
Thy mor - ning light and eve - ning shade Suc -  
Sea - sons and times, and moons, and hours, Heav'n,  
The thir - sty ridg - es drink their fill, And

4

S

of e - ter - nal pow'r; The sea grows  
ces - sive com - forts bring; Thy plen - teous  
earth, and air are thine; When clouds dis -  
ranks of corn ap - pear; The ways a -

A

of e - ter - nal pow'r; The sea grows calm at thy  
ces - sive com - forts bring; Thy plen - teous fruits make har -  
earth, and air are thine; When clouds dis - til in fruit -  
ranks of corn ap - pear; The ways a - bound with bless -

T

- e - ter - nal pow'r; The sea grows calm at thy com - mand, And  
- sive com - forts bring; Thy plen - teous fruits make har - vest glad, Thy  
- and air are thine; When clouds dis - til in fruit - ful show'rs, The  
- of corn ap - pear; The ways a - bound with bless - ings still, Thy

B

of e - ter - nal pow'r; The sea grows calm at thy com - mand, The  
ces - sive com - forts bring; Thy plen - teous fruits make har - vest glad, Thy  
earth, and air are thine; When clouds dis - til in fruit - ful show'rs, When  
ranks of corn ap - pear; The ways a - bound with bless - ings still, The

## 'Tis by thy strength the mountains stand 236

8

S  
calm at thy com - mand, And tem - pests cease to roar.  
*fruits make har - vest glad, Thy flow'rs a - dorn the spring.*  
til in fruit - ful show'rs, The Au - thor is di - vine.  
*bound with bless - ings still, Thy good - ness crowns the year.*

A  
- com - mand, And tem - pests cease to roar.  
- vest glad, Thy flow'rs a - dorn the spring.  
- ful show'rs, The Au - thor is di - vine.  
- ings still, Thy good - ness crowns the year.

T  
Small notes verse 5.  
tem - pests cease to roar, tem - pests cease to roar.  
*flow'rs a - dorn the spring, flow'rs a - dorn the spring.*  
Au - thor is di - vine, Au - thor is di - vine.  
*good - ness crowns the year, good - ness crowns the year.*

B  
sea grows calm at thy com - mand, And tem - pests cease to roar.  
*plen - teous fruits make har - vest glad, Thy flow'rs a - dorn the spring.*  
clouds dis - til in fruit - ful show'rs, The Au - thor is di - vine.  
*ways a - bound with bless - ings still, Thy good - ness crowns the year.*

## 5. The little hills, on ev'ry side

Rejoice at falling show'rs;  
The meadows, dressed in all their pride  
Perfume the air with flow'rs.

## 6. The various months thy goodness crowns;

How bounteous are thy ways!  
The bleating flocks spread o'er the downs,  
And shepherds shout thy praise.

## 7. Let God the Father, and the Son,

And Spirit be adored,  
Where there are works to make him known  
Or saints to love the Lord.

The printed source for this tune specifies Ps 21, presumably either Old Version or Scottish Psalter. Nicholas Markwell has added Watts's text to make a setting suitable for Harvest Festivals.

Note lengths halved; original time signature 4/2;  
Circled numbers correspond with lines of text;  
underlined text is to be repeated by tenor in bars 9-11.