

# How Long, O Lord?

*from the Oratorio Susanna  
for mixed chorus and piano or organ*

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Largo

Soprano

Lenten use: How long,  
General use: How long,  
Original text: How long,

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano  
or  
Organ

Lord!  
Lord!  
Lord!

un  
un  
shall

til  
til  
Is

the  
the  
rael

day,  
day,  
groan,

How  
How  
How  
long  
long  
long

O  
O  
Lord,  
Lord!  
Lord!

How  
How  
How  
long,  
long,  
long,

1.3120

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\*In the hope of introducing to a wider public this exceptional chorus from a little known Handel oratorio, new texts have been provided: one suitable for Lent, the other for general use. Handel's original text is underlaid in italics.

Sheet music for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Bass) and piano.

**Soprano (Top Voice):**

- Measures 1-4: Rests. Text: "O Lord! how how how".
- Measures 5-8: "O Lord! how how long long un - shall".
- Measures 9-12: "long, long, how how long long how how".
- Measures 13-16: "how how long long O Lord! how how how".

**Alto (Middle Voice):**

- Measures 5-8: "O Lord! how how long long un - shall".
- Measures 9-12: "long, long, how how long long how how".
- Measures 13-16: "how how long long O Lord! how how how".

**Bass (Bottom Voice):**

- Measures 5-8: "un - til Is - rael day groan".
- Measures 9-12: "til Is - rael day groan".
- Measures 13-16: "long, long, how how long long un - til Is - rael day day groan".
- Measures 17-20: "long long un - til Is - rael day day groan Thy When In".

**Piano Accompaniment:**

- Measures 1-4: Rests.
- Measures 5-8: Measures 5-8: "G major".
- Measures 9-12: Measures 9-12: "F# major".
- Measures 13-16: Measures 13-16: "B major".
- Measures 17-20: Measures 17-20: "G major".

Thy  
When  
In  
vic - t'ries  
war - ring  
sla - v'ry  
be - gin,  
cease,  
pain,  
Thy  
when  
in  
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pain?

Thy  
when  
in  
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war - ring  
sla - v'ry  
be - gin?  
cease?  
pain?

Till Christ our King, — our Thy  
Now hear, Je - ho - O vah! hear Thy  
Till Christ hear, our King, — our Thy  
Now hear, Je - ho - O vah! hear Thy  
Till Christ hear, our King, — our Thy  
Now Je - ho - O vah! hear Thy  
Till Now Je - Christ hear, our King, — our Thy  
Je - ho - O vah! hear Thy

Truth, our Way, Shall save us  
peo - ple pray, And grant to th'op  
peo - ple's moan,

Truth, our Way, Shall  
peo - ple pray, And  
peo - ple's moan,

8 Truth, our Way, Shall  
peo - ple pray, And  
peo - ple's moan,

Truth, our Way,  
peo - ple pray,  
peo - ple's moan,

all from sin, Shall save all from  
 us Thy peace, And grant us to us Thy  
 pres - sor's chain! And break th'op - pres - sor's  
 Shall And save us to us Thy  
 And And grant break th'op -  
 8 save us all from sin, save us to us Thy  
 grant to us Thy chain, grant break th'op -  
 break pres - sor's  
 Shall And And

sin? Till Christ, our Thy  
 peace. Now hear hear Thy Thy  
 chain! O

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 pres - sor's chain, O

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 us Thy peace. Now hear hear Thy Thy  
 pres - sor's chain, O

save us all from sin, Till Christ, our Thy  
 grant to us Thy peace. Now hear hear Thy Thy  
 break pres - sor's chain, O

Truth, our Way, Shall save us all from  
 peo - ple pray, And grant to th'op us us Thy  
 peo - ple's moan, And break - pres sor's

Truth, our Way shall save us all from  
 peo - ple pray and grant to th'op us us Thy  
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 peo - ple's moan, And break - pres sor's

sin? How long, O, how  
 peace. How long, O, how  
 chain! How long, O, how  
 shall, O, how

sin? How long, O Lord! un -  
 peace. How long, O Lord! un -  
 chain! How long, O Lord! un -  
 shall, O Lord!

sin? How long, O Lord! un -  
 peace. How long, O Lord! un -  
 chain! How long, O Lord! un -  
 shall, O Lord!

sin? How long, O Lord! how  
 peace. How long, O Lord! how  
 chain! How long, O Lord! how

long, long, Lord! how O long, long, Lord! O un - Lord! un -  
 long, long, Lord! How O long, long, Lord! un - shall - Is -  
 til the Is - the rael the day, the day, how long un - til the the  
 til the Is - the rael the day, the day, how long un - shall - Is -  
 til the Is - the rael the day, the day, how long un - shall - Is -  
 long, long, long, how how long long un - un - til the the day day  
 long, long, long, how how long long shall - Is - the rael groan

til day Thy When vic war - - - - -  
 day day Thy When vic war - - - - - t'ries be - gin, -  
 day day Thy When vic war - - - - - ring v'ry shall and cease, -  
 day day Thy When vic war - - - - - t'ries be - gin, - pain, -  
 day day Thy When vic war - - - - - ring v'ry shall and cease, - pain, -  
 Thy when in  
 Thy When vic war - - - - - t'ries be - gin, - pain, -  
 Thy When in

tries be - gin? \_\_\_\_\_  
ring shall cease? \_\_\_\_\_  
v'ry and pain, \_\_\_\_\_

be - gin? \_\_\_\_\_  
shall cease? \_\_\_\_\_  
and pain, \_\_\_\_\_

be - gin? \_\_\_\_\_  
shall cease? \_\_\_\_\_  
and pain? \_\_\_\_\_

How long? \_\_\_\_\_

vic - tries, be - gin? \_\_\_\_\_  
war - ring shall cease? \_\_\_\_\_  
sla - v'ry and pain? \_\_\_\_\_

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war - ring shall cease? \_\_\_\_\_  
sla - v'ry and pain? \_\_\_\_\_

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