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Lord, I approach thy mercy-seat

for SATB Chorus unaccompanied

John Newton

BURFORD from *Harmonia Sacra*
 arranged by Alice Parker

Andante ♩ = 96

Soprano

Alto

Tenor *p*

Bass *p*

Lord, I ap - proach Thy mer - cy seat, Where

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5 (T/B)

Thou dost an - swer prayer; There hum - bly fall be -

10

neath Thy feet, For none doth per - ish there.

16 *mp*

S Thy prom - ise is my on - ly plea; With this I

T *p*

Thy prom - ise is my plea; With

B *p*

Thy prom - ise is my plea;

mp

(for rehearsal only) *p*

21

ven - ture nigh; Thou call - est bur - den'd souls _ to
 this I ven - ture nigh; Thou call - est souls to
 I ven - ture nigh; Thou call - est souls to

26

thee, And such, O Lord, am I.
 thee, And such, O Lord, am I.
 thee, O Lord, an I.

31 *p*

A Bowed down be - neath a load of sin, By Sa - tan

T *mp*
8 Bowed down be - neath a load of sin, By Sa - tan

B *p*
'Neath a load of sin, By Sa - tan

p
mp
p

36

sore - ly press'd, By war with - out and fear with -

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sore - ly press'd, By war with - out and

41

in, I come to thee, I come to thee for
in, I come to thee for rest.
fear with - in I come to thee for
rest.

46

f
S Be thou my Shield, my hid - ing place; That
A rest. *f* Be thou my hid - ing place;
T *f* Be thou my Shield, my hid - ing place; That
B *f* rest. Be thou my hid - ing place;
f

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shel - ter'd near thy side, I may my fierce ac -

That, near thy side, I may my fierce ac -

shel - ter'd near thy side, I may my fierce ac -

That, near thy side, I may my fierce ac -

55

rit. al fine

cus - er face, And tell him, thou has died.

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