

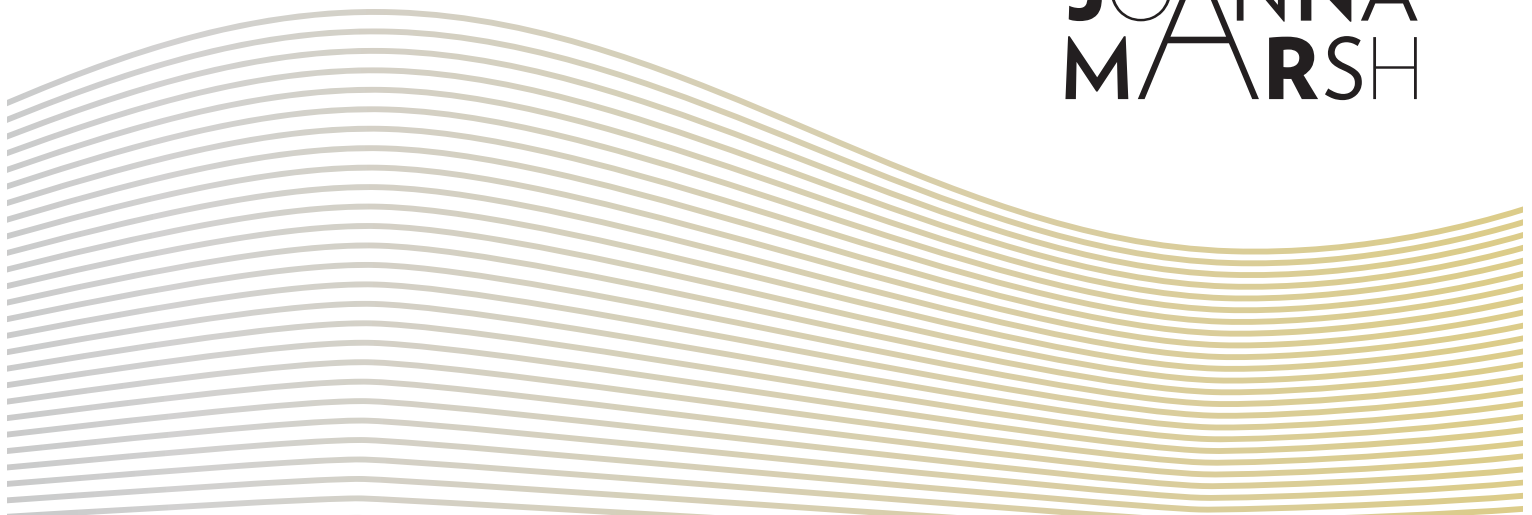
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**Thou hast searched me
and known me**

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Psalm 139, 1-6 (May 2015)

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Thou hast searched me and known me

Psalm 139

Written in memory of my mother Barbara Marsh 1929–2013.

The first performance was given at Peterborough Cathedral on Sunday 5th July 2015 where it was performed at evensong by the cathedral choir, director Steven Grahl, organist David Humphreys.

O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,
thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down,
and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue,
but, Lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before,
and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high, I cannot attain to it.

Psalm 139, 1-6: King James Version

Thou hast searched me and known me

Psalm 139, 1-6 (KJV)

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SOPRANO
Thou _____ hast searched me, _____ and

ALTO
p _____ *mp* _____ *mp* _____
O _____ Lord _____ thou _____ hast searched me, _____ searched (and)

TENOR
p _____ *mp* _____ *mp* _____
O _____ Lord _____ thou _____ hast searched me, _____ searched _

BASS
p _____ *mp* _____ *mp* _____
O _____ Lord _____ searched _

6 *mf* _____ *mp* _____ *mf* _____
known _____ me. _____ Thou _____ know - est my down - sit - ting _____
known _____ me. _____ Thou _____ know - - est my down - sit - ting _____
known _____ me _____ Thou _____ know - est, _____ know - est my down - sit - ting _____
known _____ know - est _____ Lord _____

11 *p* _____ *mp* _____ *p* _____ *mf* _____ *f* _____
_____ and mine _____ up - ris - - - ing, _____ thou _____ un - der -
p _____ *mp* _____ *p* _____ *mf* _____ *f* _____
_____ and _____ mine _____ up - ris - - - ing, _____ thou _____ un - der -
p _____ *mp* _____ *p* _____ *mf* _____ *f* _____
_____ and _____ mine _____ thou _____ un - der -
p _____ *mp* _____ *mf* _____ *f* _____
_____ and _____ mine _____ thou _____ Lord _____

17

mf *p*

- stand - eth _____ my thought _____ a - far off _____

mf *p*

- stand - eth _____ my thought _____ a - far off _____

mf *p* *pp* very still

- stand - eth my _____ thought a - far off _____ Thou _____

mf *p* *pp* very still

my _____ thought a - far off _____ Thou _____

23

p

ac -

pp *p*

and my ly - ing _____ down, _____ ac -

p

com-pas-sest my path and my ly - ing down, and art _____ ac -

p

com-pas-sest my path and art _____

28

mp *p*

- quaint - ed with all _____ my ways. _____ For there is not a word in my

mp *p*

- quaint - ed with all _____ my ways. _____ For there is not _____ in my

mp *p*

- quaint - ed with all my ways. _____ For there is not a word in my

mp *p*

ways. _____ not _____ in my

33

mp *mf* *f*

tongue, but Lo, O Lord, O Lord thou

mp *mf* *f*

tongue, but Lo, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord thou

mp *mf* *f*

8 tongue, but Lo, O Lord, O Lord thou

mp *f*

tongue, but Lo, O Lord, Lord

38

mf *mp*

know - est it al - to - ge - ther Thou hast be -

mf *mp*

know - est it al - to - ge - ther Thou be -

mf *mp*

8 knowst it al - to - ge - ther Thou hast be - set me be -

mp

all Thou hast be - set me be -

43

-set me be - hind and be - fore and laid thine

-set me be - hind and be - fore and laid thine hand

8 -set me be - hind and be - fore laid thine hand

-set me be - hind and laid thine hand

47

p *mf* *f*

hand u - pon me. O Lord. Such

p *mp* *f*

u - pon me. O Lord. Such

mp *f*

O Lord.

mp *f*

O Lord.

51

mp

know - ledge is too won - der - ful,

mp

know - ledge is too won - der - ful,

mp

Such know - ledge is too won - der - ful,

Such

mp

Such know - ledge is too won - der - ful,

mf

high

55

mf *mp* *mf*

it is high I can - not at - tain to it.

mf *mp* *mf*

it is high I can - not at - tain to it.

mf *mp* *mf*

it is high I can - not at - tain to it.

mf

high.

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