

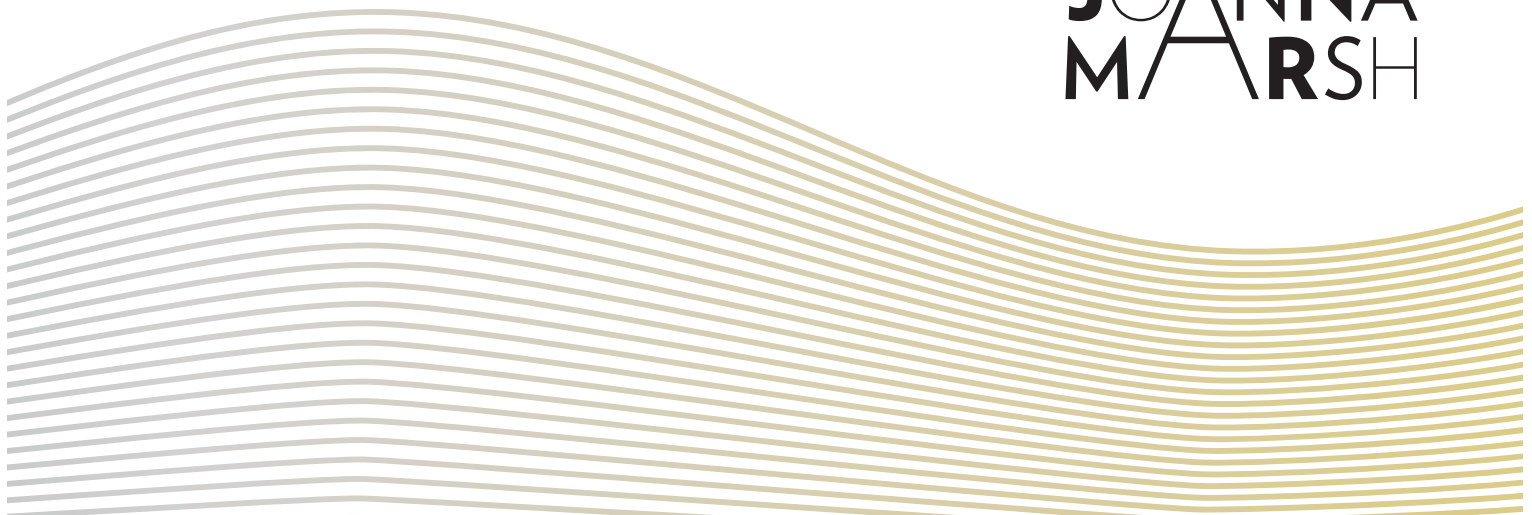
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## Psalm 139

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**  
O \_\_\_\_\_ Lord \_\_\_\_\_ thou \_\_\_\_\_ hast searched me, \_\_\_\_\_ searched (and)

**TENOR**  
O \_\_\_\_\_ Lord \_\_\_\_\_ thou \_\_\_\_\_ hast searched me, \_\_\_\_\_ searched \_\_\_\_\_

**BASS**  
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 -

\_\_\_\_\_ and mine \_\_\_\_\_ *p* \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* \_\_\_\_\_ *f* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ mine \_\_\_\_\_ up - ris - - - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ thou \_\_\_\_\_ un - der -

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ mine \_\_\_\_\_ thou \_\_\_\_\_ un - der -

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ mine \_\_\_\_\_ *p* \_\_\_\_\_ *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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