

Taedet animam meam

Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself;
 I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
 I will say unto God: "Do not condemn me; show me wherefore thou contendest with me.
 Is it good unto thee that thou should oppress,
 That thou shouldst depise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?
 Hast thou eyes of flesh? Or seest thou as man seeth?
 Are they days as the days of man?
 Are thy years as man's years, that thou inquirest after mine iniquity,
 And searchest after my sin?
 Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand."

Job 10: vv1-7



The musical score is written for four voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and common time (C). The lyrics are in Latin. The score is divided into two systems. The first system covers measures 1 through 7, and the second system covers measures 8 through 10. The lyrics for the first system are: "Tae - det a - - ni - mam me - am vi - tae me - - - - ae, di - mit - tan ad -". The lyrics for the second system are: "-ver - sum me e - lo - qui - um me - um, lo - quar in a - ma - ri - tu - di -".