

Arnold von Bruck, *In Greatest Need I Cry to Thee* (1544)

Abstract

Arnold von Bruck (c. 1500-1554), a Flemish musician and composer, spent most of his professional life in the service of the Habsburg dynasty. Although he served as music director at the Vienna court of Ferdinand I, he wrote both Catholic and Protestant hymns that reflected the new musical developments of the time. Many of his Protestant hymns, including this one, were published in Georg Rhau's 1544 collection *Neue deudsche geistliche Gesenge für die gemeinen Schulen* [New German Hymns for Elementary Schools].

Source

In greatest need I cry to thee
Lord God, hear my voice
Thy gracious ear incline to me
And hearken to my supplication
If Thou Lord art extreme
To mark what is done amiss
O Lord, who may abide it?

Source: Martin Luther, "Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu Dir," arrangement for four voices by Arnold von Bruck. *Neue deudsche geistliche Gesenge für die gemeinen Schulen*, Wittenberg, 1544. Recording: *2,000 Years of Music*. Compiled by and released in memory of Dr. Curt Sachs. Folkways Records (FT 3700), 1962. Internet Archive

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