



- 1 The heav'ns and firmament on high do wondrously declare God's glory and omnipotence, his works and what they are.
- 2 The wondrous works of God appear by every day's success, The nights likewise which their race run the self-same thing express.
- 7 How perfect is the law of God? how is his cov'nant sure?Converting souls, and making wise the simple and obscure.
- 8 The Lord's commandments are most just, and glad both heart and mind:
 His precepts pure, and do give light to eyes that be full blind.

Psalm 19 by John Alcock, jnr, is taken from his book 'Parochial Harmony', London: Francis Roome in Derby, 1777. This is contained within one of the three Quire Books from Brinklow and St Nicholas, Warwick, now in the Warwickshire County Record Office, Ref: DR 405/40. The book has had its front title page removed before binding, although fortunately the List of Subscribers still remains.

This DCM setting is intended for Verses 9 & 10 of Sternhold & Hopkins' Old Version paraphrase of the psalm, but the repeat marks suggest otherwise. Verses 1, 2, 7 & 8 have therefore been added editorially. The figured bass printed for the verse section, has been omitted, but the two symphonies are only set in two parts, without figured bass.

The second part of this quire book contains Joseph Key's 'first' book of Eight Anthems. HTI No.: 3936