

Refrain:

All **In prayer I inclined my ear**

and my heart was stirred to seek Wisdom.

1 While I was still young, □

I sought Wisdom openly in my prayer.

2 Before the temple I asked for her, □

and I will search for her until the end.

3 From the first blossom to the ripening grape, □

my heart delighted in her.

4 My foot walked on the straight path, □

from my youth I followed her steps.

5 I inclined my ear a little and received her, □

I found for myself much instruction.

6 I made progress in Wisdom; □

to the One who sent her, I will give glory.

7 I directed my soul to Wisdom, □

and in purity have I found her.

8 With her, I gained understanding from the first, □

therefore will I never be forsaken.

9 My heart was stirred to seek her, □

with my tongue will I sing God's praise.

Ecclesiasticus 51.13a,13c-17,20,21a,22b

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now

and shall be for ever. Amen.

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