



*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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