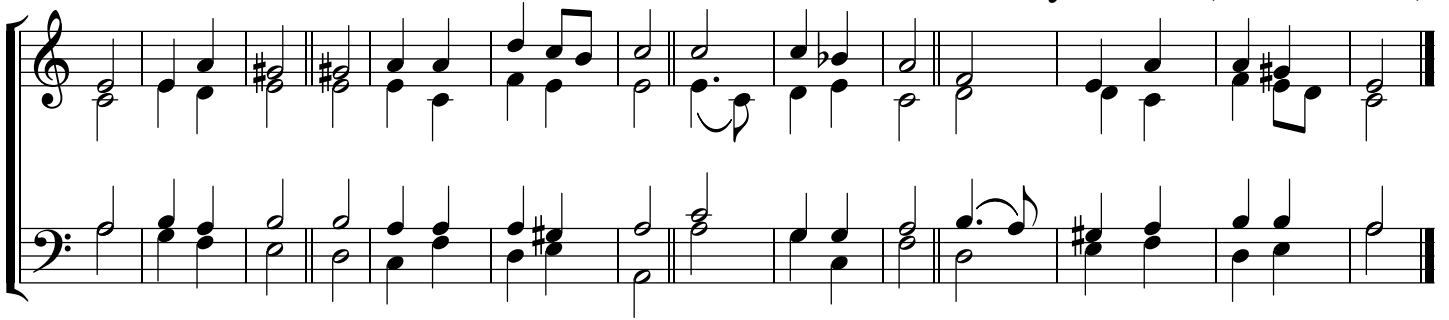


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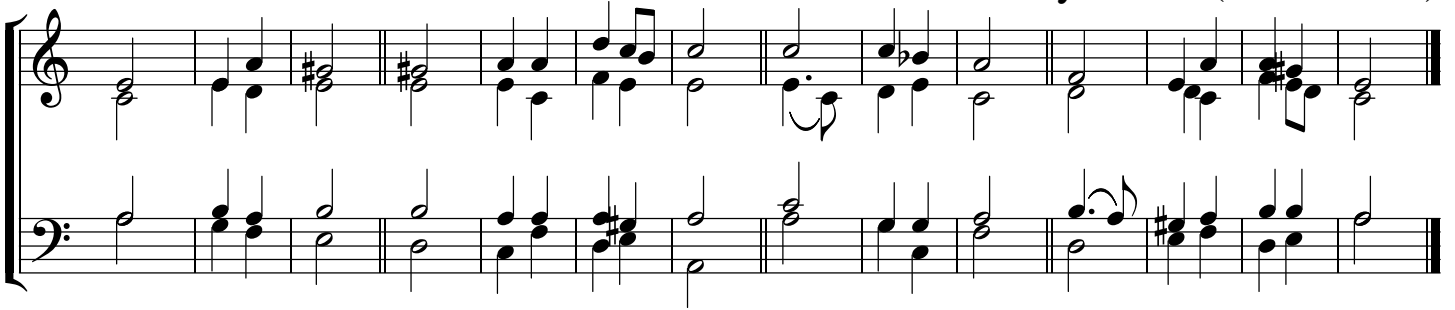
Verses 1-19

Henry Smart (1813-1879)



1. Hold not your tongue, O | God of • | my praise; *
for the mouth of the wicked, the mouth of the de- | ceitful, • is | opened a- | gainst me.
2. They speak to me with a | lying | tongue; *
they encompass me with hateful words and fight a- | gainst me | without • a | cause.
3. Despite my love, they | accuse | me; *
but as for | **me**, | pray for | them.
4. They repay | evil • for | good, *
and | hatred | for my | love.
5. Set a wicked | man a- | gainst him, *
and let an accuser | stand at | his right | hand.
6. When he is judged, let | him be • found | guilty, *
and let his ap- | **peal** | be in | vain.
7. Let his | days be | few, *
and let an- | other | take his | office.
8. Let his | children • be | fatherless, *
and his | wife be- | come a | widow.
9. Let his children be | waifs and | beggars; *
let them be driven from the | ruins | of their | homes.
10. Let the creditor seize | every- • thing he | has; *
let | strangers | plunder • his | goods.

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11. Let there be no one to | show him | kindness, *
and none to | pity • his | father- • less | children.
12. Let his descendents | be des- | troyed, *
and his name be blotted out | in the | next • gener- | ation.
13. Let the wickedness of his fathers be remembered be- | fore the | LORD, *
and his mother's sin | not be | blotted | out.
14. Let their sin be always be- | fore the | LORD; *
but let him | root out • their | names • from the | earth.
15. Because he did not re- | member • to show | mercy, *
but persecuted the poor and needy and sought to | kill the | broken- | hearted.
16. He loved cursing, let it | come up- | on him; *
he took no delight in blessing, | let it • de- | part from | him.
17. He put on cursing | like a | garment, *
let it soak into his body like water and | into • his | bones like | oil.
18. Let it be to him like the cloak which he | wraps a- • round him- | self, *
and like the belt | that he | wears con- | tinually.
- †19. Let this be the recompense from the LORD to | my ac- | cusers, *
and to those who speak | ev- | il a- | gainst me.

Verses 20-30

Robert Philip Goodenough (1775-1826)



20. But you, O LORD my God, oh, deal with me ac- | cording to • your | Name; *
for your tender | mercy's | sake, de- | liver me.
21. For I am | poor and | needy, *
and my heart is | **wound-** | ed with- | in me.
22. I have faded away like a | shadow • when it | lengthens; *
I am | shaken • off | like a | locust.
23. My knees are weak e- | nough through | fasting, *
and my | flesh is | wasted • and | gaunt.
- †24. I have become a re- | proach to | them; *
they | see and | shake their | heads.
25. Help me, O | LORD my | God; *
save me | for your | mercy's | sake.
26. Let them know that | this is • your | hand, *
that | you, O | LORD, have | done it.
27. They may curse, but | you will | bless; *
let those who rise up against me be put to shame, and your | servant | will re- | joice.
28. Let my accusers be | **cloth'd** | with dis- | grace *
and wrap themselves in their | shame as | in a | cloak.
29. I will give great thanks to the LORD | with my | mouth; *
in the midst of the | multi- • tude | will I | praise him;
30. Because he stands at the right | hand • of the | needy, *
to save his life from | those who | would con- | demn him.