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1. Morning Song

PSALM 108(107)

REFRAIN

My heart is ready, God; I mean to
sing your song. Awake, my soul; awake, gui -
tar. I rise to wake the dawn. dawn.

VERSES

1. I will praise you, Lord, a - mong the peo - ples,
1. Shout be - fore their eyes; For your love ex -
1. tends up - on the heav - ens, Reach - ing to the skies.

2. God, lift up your glory to the heavens;
Light up earth and sky.
Help your friends, O come, O come, deliver,
Help us and reply. *Refrain.*
3. Who will banish Edom and Manasseh?
Who will conquer fears?
Tell us, will you utterly reject us
Marching through our years? *Refrain.*
4. Lend us strength against our opposition,
Our poor strength is vain.
God providing, we shall be courageous,
Conquer toil and pain. *Refrain.*

2. Plea of a Good Man

PSALM 17(16)

REFRAIN

Musical notation for the Refrain, 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, F, G7, C, C7, D, G7, C, F. The lyrics are: Lord, hear a just cause; Hear my cry. Turn an ear to my prayer; I do not lie. Judge as you will for good or ill. No truth escapes your eye. eye. last time

VERSES

Musical notation for the Verses, 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, F, D, G7, F, G7, C. The lyrics are: 1. You probe my heart, you search it by night; You try me and you 1. find me right; My words are sin - less in your sight. Repeat REFRAIN

2. I keep from anger by what you say;
My feet walk firmly along your way;
My steps will never go astray. *Refrain*
3. I turn to you and I call out,
For you will hear without a doubt;
Turn your ear to hear my shout. *Refrain.*
4. Show the love that my God sends;
Your hand will come to save your friends;
Upon it my whole life depends. *Refrain*
5. Keep me the apple of your eye;
In shadow of your wings I'll lie;
Till death and danger pass me by. *Refrain.*

3. Hidden God

PSALM 13(12)

REFRAIN

D G Em A⁷ D

How long, O Lord, will you for - get me?

D G D C C

How long will you con - ceal your face? How long will I

D Em A⁷ D

bear this grief, — night and day with - out re - lief?

D(Bm) G Em C A

How long will I con - tin - ue in dis - grace?

VERSES

D C

1. Look at me in my dis - tress —
2. As for me, I trust your love, —

D C

()
1. Be - fore I fall a - sleep in death, —
2. Let it be my joy in stress; —

D C

()
1. Be - fore the trai - tors claim suc - cess, —
2. Let me psalm the prais - es of —

D Am D C

1. The foes who hope for my last breath. — *Repeat REFRAIN*
2. Your good - ness and my hap - pi - ness. — *after each verse*

4. Baptism Song

REFRAIN (Eph. 5:14)

Slowly
E*

Wake up, — you sleep - er, and a - rise from death, —

and Christ will light you — up. up.

1-3. E | last time E

VERSES (2 Tim. 2:11-13)

1. If we have died with him, —
2. If we en - dure it through, —
3. If we dis - own him now, —
4. If we live faith - less - ly, —

1. With him we shall sure - ly — live. —
2. With him we shall sure - ly — rule. —
3. He will then dis - own us — too. —
4. Faith - ful he will al - ways — be. —

Repeat REFRAIN
after each verse

*This song gets its flavor from the minor third (E-G) in the melody being brought against the E major chord in the accompaniment.

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5. Song of the Social Rejects

(God Loves Everybody)

PSALM 107(106)

REFRAIN

D G A⁷ D

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, His

D G A⁷

love lasts long - er than the sun. — This is the cry of his

D G Em

spe - cial ones, — whom he saved from the en - e - mies' hands and

A⁷ D

gath - ered to - geth - er from far off lands: from the

D C E A⁷ D

east and the west and the north and the south.

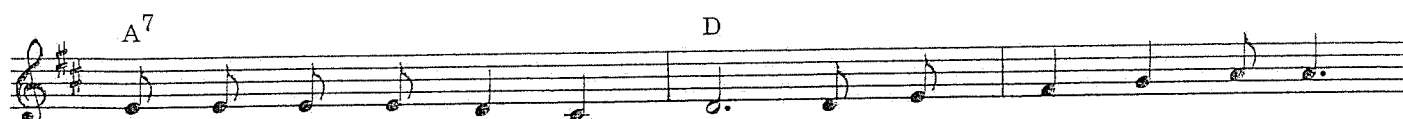
VERSES

D G A⁷

1. Some ram-bled the rail - road lines Look - ing for a place to
 2. Some wast - ed in jail for years: Pris - on - ers in ball and
 3. Some hol - lered in pad - ded cells, Strick - en by a sense of
 4. Some sailed on the sea in ships, Trad - ing on the o - cean

D (9) G

1. stay, Look - ing for a hand - out, — look - ing for a drink:
 2. chain, Hav - ing de - fied their — God — in — pride, Re -
 3. guilt. And they might have died in a su - i - cide
 4. wide, Where a tid - al wave was a wa - ter - y — grave And there



1. Did - n't have a bite all day. Then they took their trou-bles
2. ject - ing his ad - vice in vain. Then they took their trou-bles
3. From the sin - ful - ness they felt. Then they took their trou-bles
4. was - n't an - y place to hide. Then they took their trou-bles



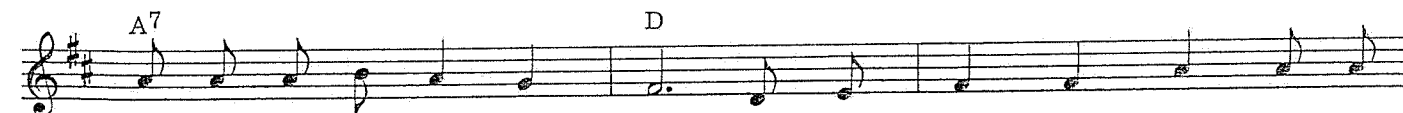
1. to the Lord, And he lift - ed them from their dis - tress, And he
2. to the Lord, And he lift - ed them from their tra - vail, And he
3. to the Lord, And he lift - ed them from their des - pair, And his
4. to the Lord, And he lift - ed them from their a - larm, And he



1. led them — down to an - oth - er - town To a
2. led them — out from — dark — and — doubt, From the
3. word was a meal to re - fresh — and — heal, a
4. gen - tled the gale like a rip - ple in a pail, he



1. meal — and a new ad - dress. Let them thank the Lord for his love, For the
2. rock - pile — in — the jail. Let them thank the Lord for his love, For the
3. sign — some - bod - y did care. Let them thank the Lord for his love, For the
4. shel-tered them — from — the storm. Let them thank the Lord for his love, For the



1. won-ders that he does for men. For he takes men cursed with a
2. won-ders that he does for men. For the pri - son walls he makes
3. won-ders that he does for men. Let thanks - giv - ing rise in a
4. won-ders that he does for men. Let them praise God all in the



1. hun - ger and a thirst, And he fills them up a - gain.
2. tum - ble and — fall, And he bends the bars like tin.
3. sac - ri - fice For he res - cues them from sin.
4. meet - ing - hall And re - peat these lines a - gain.

6. Asking Again

PSALM 40(39)

Alternate chords in A minor

Capo 2

REFRAIN

(Am) (Dm) (G) (C)
Bm Em A D

I wait - ed, and wait - ed for the Lord,
then he looked down to me;— he heard my cry. cry.

(Am) (Dm) (E⁷) 1-6. last time
Bm Em F#⁷ (Am) (Am)
Bm Bm

VERSES

(Am) (F) (G⁷)
Bm G A⁷

1. He pulled me from the dead - ly pit,— The swal - low - ing
1. clay. He placed my feet up - on a rock,— They'll nev - er give way.

(Am) (F) (G⁷) (Am)
Bm G A⁷ Bm

Repeat REFRAIN

2. He put a new song in my mouth
To sing my God praise.
I shall see and trust the Lord
The rest of my days. *Refrain.*

3. The man is happy who has placed
His trust in the Lord,
Has not joined in with those who want
Their idols adored. *Refrain.*

4. You do not wish for sacrifice,
You open my ear.
You do not wish for holocaust
Instead, I am here. *Refrain.*

5. In the book the writing stands
That I do your will.
Believe me, God, I love your law,
Beneath this thick shell. *Refrain.*

6. Come, O Lord, to rescue me,
Lord, run to my aid.
For I am wracked with evils now;
Lord, I am afraid. *Refrain.*

7. As for me, distraught and poor,
The Lord is enough.
You are my rescue and my help;
Oh, don't put me off. *Refrain.*

7. Prayer in Sorrow

PSALM 69(68)

REFRAIN

Save me, O God, for the wa-ter is reach-ing to my neck! neck!

VERSES

1. I stum - bled in deep quick - sand, The bot - tom is - n't
there. I've got in - to deep wa - ter And can-not get my air.

Repeat REFRAIN
E

- | | |
|---|---|
| 2. I'm tired of all my crying,
My throat is dry and hard.
My eyes are red and weary
From looking for my God. <i>Refrain.</i> | 3. More hard people hate me
Than my head has hair.
All their lies about me,
It's more than I can bear. <i>Refrain.</i> |
| 4. How can I return things
I have never stolen?
God, you know my sinning,
You see how I have fallen. <i>Refrain.</i> | 5. Do not shame the hopeful
Through me, O Lord of Hosts;
Don't dismay the seekers,
O God of Israel. <i>Refrain.</i> |
| 6. For you I suffer insults,
My face is red with shame.
My brothers now are strangers,
They do not know my name. <i>Refrain.</i> | 7. Fasting and sharp mourning
For my many wrongs
Make me food for gossip,
The butt of drunken songs. <i>Refrain.</i> |
| 8. Here's my prayer to you, God,
Whose caring overflows:
Save me from deep drowning,
Save me from my foes. <i>Refrain.</i> | 9. Save me from deep waters
Before their waves can drown me.
Don't let dark depth swallow
Or clamp its mouth upon me. <i>Refrain.</i> |
| 10. For food they gave me poison,
Vinegar to drink.
Let their eyes be blinded,
Their bodies shake and shrink. <i>Refrain.</i> | 11. I'll praise God with singing,
Praise him with thanksgiving
A gift for God more pleasing
Than sacrifice, is living. <i>Refrain.</i> |

8. O Lord, Please Accept This Prayer

(5th Penitential Psalm)

PSALM 102(101)

REFRAIN

Slowly, in a meditative mode throughout

Am E

O Lord, please ac - cept this prayer; Let my

Dm G7 C E F G7

cry not fall in - to the emp - ty air. Do not hide your face on this

C E A Dm G7 1, 2. C 3. C

trou-bled day; On - ly lis - ten and don't look the oth - er way. oth - er way.

VERSES

Verse 1

G Am

1. My days dis - ap - pear like smoke; My

G Am Em Am

1. bones burn a - way like fire, My heart is as dry as sticks. My

Dm G

1. bread is as dry as bricks. I sigh and I grow so

Am Dm G Repeat REFRAIN C

1. thin, My bones stick to my skin.

Verse 2

G Am
 2. Like a vul - ture in a des - ert land, Like an

G Am Em
 2. owl in a ru - ined town, Like a lone bird in the

Am Dm G
 2. eave I lie a - wake and grieve. My

G Am Dm G C *Repeat REFRAIN*
 2. en - e - mies are get - ting worse; My name has be - come their curse.

Verse 3

G Am G
 3. Ash - es are the bread I eat, Tears min - gle in my

Am Em Am
 3. drink; Your an - ger and your frown

Dm G
 3. Raise me and put me down. My days, like the shad - ows,

Am Dm G C *Repeat REFRAIN*
 3. pass; I shriv - el up like the grass.

9. Exodus Song

PSALM 114(113a)

Alternate chords in A major

Leader

REFRAIN (A) (G) (A) (G) (A) All (G) (A) (G) (A)
D C D C D *^[C/A⁷ D] C D

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

VERSES (A) (D) (A)
D G D

1. When Is - ra - el came down from E - gypt, —

(A) (G) (E⁷) (A)
D C A⁷ D

1. Ja - eob's sons from that strange town, Lord took Ju - dah

(G) (A) (D) (E⁷) (D) (A) Repeat
C D G A⁷ G D REFRAIN

1. for his tem - ple, — Is - ra - el be - came his crown.

2. The great Red Sea ran off in terror,
River Jordan ran uphill,
Mountains jumped like rams in battle,
And like little lambs, the hills. *Refrain.*
3. Why, O Sea, were you so frightened?
Jordan, why were you afraid?
Why the thundering, you mountains?
Hills like little lambs that played? *Refrain.*
4. Before the Lord, O earth, you shudder,
In the face of Jacob's God.
He turns rock to pools of water,
Once it's tapped by Moses' Rod. *Refrain.*

*The A⁷ chord is preferred; the C chord is an alternate.

10. Spring Song

PSALM 65(64)

REFRAIN

C E F G7 C E
 Our praise we owe to you, O God on Si-on's hill.

Am G7 C E A7
 To you our vows are due, You see our prayers ful-filled.

VERSES

Dm G Em Am F
 1. To you comes all flesh With its bur-den of guilt, But you wash a

B7 E Am Dm G
 1. way All our sins like silt. Bless-ings to your house

Em Am F B7 E *Repeat REFR*
 1. Is the gift you give To the one you call To your courts to live.

2. You give mountains strength,
 Still the ocean's roar,
 Quell the angry wave
 And the people's war.

Having seen your works,
 East and west are awed;
 Sunrise, sunset
 Notice and applaud. *Refrain*.

3. You prepare the earth
 And you send the rain
 To enrich the ground
 And provide its grain.

So you drench the earth
 With its furrow rows;
 Then you give your growth
 And you bless what grows. *Refrain*.

4. And you crown the year
 So abundance flows;
 And your goodness fills
 All the furrow rows.

Meadows thick with flocks,
 Hills all crowned like kings;
 Valleys decked with wheat
 Shout for joy and sing. *Refrain*.

11. I Thank You, Lord

PSALM 138(137)

Alternate chords in D major

REFRAIN
(D)
C

(G)
F

(D)
C

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,

(D)
C

(F#m)
Em

(Em)
Dm

(Bm)
Am

(A7)
G7

For you have heard the prayer that I raise.

(D)
C

(G)
F

(D)
C

I praise you, Lord, be - fore your court.

(D)
C

(F#m)
Em

(Em)
Dm

(A7)
G7

(D)
C

1. I will a - dore be - fore your dwell - ing place.

VERSES

(D) (A⁷) (D)
C G⁷ C

1. Thank you for your faith - ful - ness and love

(D) (F#m) (Em) (Em) (Dm)
C Em Dm

1. Ex - cell - ing all we were ac - cus - tomed

(A) (Bm) (G)
G Am F

1. to. On the day I called, you an - swered from a -

(D) (Bm) (Em⁷) (A⁷) *Repeat REFRAIN*
C Am Dm⁷ G⁷ (D)
C

1. bove And gave me strength to car - ry on a - new.

2. All the kings on earth shall give you praise;
When, from your mouth, they hear your mighty word.
Then they shall sing and glorify your ways:
"How great is this, the glory of the Lord." *Refrain.*

3. From above he looks upon the low;
And from afar, the haughty one he knows.
Though in the midst of troubled times I go,
You give me life and disappoint my foes. *Refrain.*

4. You stretch out your hand to rescue me;
You do all things to save your faithful one.
O Lord, your love endures eternally;
Do not forget the works your hands have done. *Refrain.*

12. Song of the Final Times

Alternate chords in C major

PSALM 75(74)

REFRAIN (G⁷) (C) (F) (G⁷)
A⁷ D G A⁷

We give thanks to you, O God. We give thanks

(C) (Am) (Em) (F) (C)
D Bm F#m G D

and call up on your name and we think about all the

(F) (G⁷) 1-4. last time
G A⁷ (C) (C)
D D

won - der - full things you've done. done.

VERSES (G⁷) (C) (F) (G⁷)
A⁷ D G A⁷

1. "When I come to the given time, I will

(C) (Em) (F) (G⁷)
D F#m G A⁷

1. judge all the world and condemn its crime. Though the

(C)
D

(F)
G

(G⁷)
A⁷

1. earth with its crea - tures rocks, ——— It is

(C)
D

(Em)
F[#]m

(F)
G

(G⁷)
A⁷

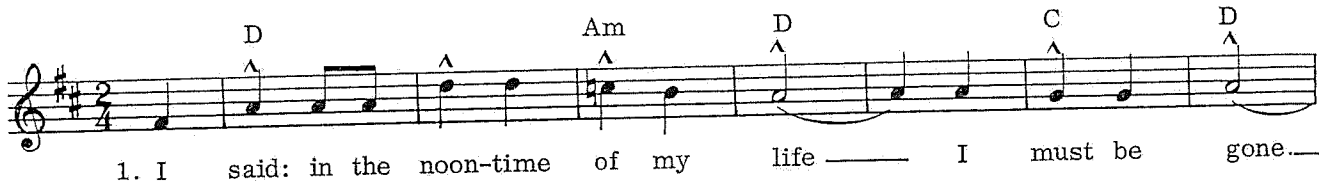
Repeat REFRAIN

1. I who sup - port it up - on its blocks." We give thanks

2. "To the braggart I say, 'Don't brag.'
 To the wicked I say, 'Your strength will sag.
 So don't flourish it far and wide,
 And don't always speak with such damnable pride.'" *Refrain.*
3. From the east nor from the west,
 Nor from desert nor mountain comes the final test.
 For our judge is God, all-wise,
 And all the bad will sink and all the good will rise. *Refrain.*
4. Now the Lord holds a foaming cup,
 And all the wicked on earth must drink it right up;
 For it's a brew from his special kegs
 That all the wicked must drink and drain to the dregs. *Refrain.*
5. But I continue to rejoice
 And sing my psalms to the God of Jacob's choice;
 For he will break the wicked's power
 And will raise the good in the final hour. *Refrain.*

13. Hezekiah's Song

ISAIAH 38:10-20



2. I said: the Lord no more I'll see
Alive again.
No more shall I look upon
Living men.

4. From night to dawn I mourn my end,
Till morning moan,
As if a lion mangles me
And gnaws my bones.

6. What can I say? What story tell?
This is his work,
I'll give you glory all my life,
Freed from this hurt.

8. You it is who kept my life
Out of the pit
You have cast behind your back
My many sins.

10. The living, yes, the living praise,
As I today.
The father tells his sons about
Your faithful ways.

3. My home is pulled up, thrown away,
A shepherd's tent.
My life is rolled up like a rug,
The thread is spent.

5. I cry out with the swallow's grief,
Mourn like a dove.
Be my safety, Lord, I call,
Eyes turned above.

7. For you, O Lord, my heart will live,
My spirit burn.
You will heal me, bring me life,
My health return.

9. Sheol cannot sing you praise,
Nor can death bless.
Those gone to the grave despair
Your faithfulness.

11. Lord, come to our rescue now,
We'll chant our song
Before the temple of the Lord
Our whole life long.

NOTE: This song is supposed to simulate the mournful QINAH meter which runs: |||| | | |||| | |.
And so it is best played slowly and with emphasis on the first beat of measures 1, 2, 3, 4, -6, 7, etc. Perhaps it could be supported with a bass
note or guitar slap on these beats.

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14. Troubled Trust

PSALM 116b(115)

REFRAIN

Musical notation for the Refrain, consisting of two staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the second line. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Am, Em, F, C, G, Am, G, A, C, D, E.

I trust - ed al - though I said: "I am se - vere - ly
 crushed,"and when I said with - in my dread:— "No man can I trust."

VERSES

Musical notation for the Verses, consisting of two staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of the first verse. The second staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the second line. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Am, Em, F, C, G, Am, G, A, C, D, E.

1. How shall I re - pay the Lord For all the fa - vors
 1. I can claim? Sal - va - tion's cup I shall take up— and call up - on his name. *(Omit REFRAIN)*

2. At the meeting of the Lord
 I'll pay the vows I owe him then.
 For highly prized in God's own eyes
 Is the death of holy men. *Refrain.*
3. Your servant, Lord, is what I am,
 For you have freed me from my chains.
 An offering of thanks I bring
 And call upon your name. *Omit Refrain.*
4. At the meeting of the Lord
 I'll pay the vows I owe to him.
 Inside the courtyard of the Lord,
 In your heart, Jerusalem. *Refrain.*

15. Miriam's Song

EXODUS 15

REFRAIN
C

Lord I sing, for he tri-umphed glo-rious-ly Horse and
 ri-der he has thrown in-to the sea. Lord, my strength, my safe-ty, my
 song. This is my God whom I praise day-long. God of my fa-ther,
 God I ac-claim. Yah-weh is a war-rior, Yah-weh is his name.

VERSES

1. Pha-raoh's ar-my he has hurled in-to the sea,
 1. Drowned in the Reed Sea with all his com-pa-ny.
 1. Floods cov-ered o-ver them and o-ver them a-lone,
 1. Sunk to the bot-tom of the wa-ters like a stone.

Repeat REFRAIN

2. Your right hand, Lord, shatters Egypt's shield.
 Fired by your fury, like the stubble of the field.
 Blast of your breath, and the waters of the deep,
 Piled like a dike, piled up in a heap.
3. I will chase and catch them, Egypt said.
 Feast on their spoils, draw my sword and strike them dead.
 Your harsh breath closed the waters overhead,
 And down to the bottom Egypt sank like lead.

16. Who Shall Come?

PSALM 15(14)

REFRAIN

Slowly

Lord, who shall come in - to your tent, and make his
home up - on your ho - ly moun - tain? moun - tain?

Chords: C, Em, F, G⁷, C, Em, F, G⁷, C

Repeat sign: 1, 2. G⁷ last time G⁷

VERSES

1. The hon - est man, sure - ly, who lives life sin - cere - ly, Who
1. speaks out with can - dor, Who stoops not to slan - der.

Chords: C, Am, F, G⁷, C, Am, F, G⁷

Repeat sign: Repeat REFRAIN G⁷

2. Who treats any other
As neighbor and brother,
Who follows no sinner,
Who gives his God honor. *Refrain.*

3. Whose word is a pledging,
Who lends without hedging,
Who cheats not the hungry,
That man will stand strongly. *Refrain.*

17. Miserere

(4th Penitential Psalm)

PSALM 51(50)

REFRAIN

Em Am C D7 Em

Have mer - cy on me, O God, in your kind - ness.

C Am D7 Em

In your great com - pas - sion, blot out my of - fence. Wash me

Am G Am B7 C D7 Em

tho - rough - ly from my guilt. Cleanse me from my sins. —

VERSES Verse 1

Em Am D7

1. I know my trans - gres - sions, Be - fore me stands my

Em C Am D7

1. sin. A - gainst you and you a - lone E - vil I have done.

Repeat REFRAIN
Em

Verse 2

Em Am D⁷ Em

2. Just as you judge just - ly, Nev - er are de - ceived, So,

Repeat REFRAIN
Em

C Am D⁷

2. deep in guilt I was born, Sin - ner I was con - cieved.

Verse 3

Em Am D⁷ Em

3. You love one who's hon - est, Teach the truth you know. Wash

Repeat REFRAIN
Em

C Am D⁷

3. me now and make me clean, Whit - er than the snow.

Verse 4

Em Am D⁷ Em

4. Give me joy and glad - ness, Let these poor bones be thrilled. Turn

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4. a - way from my sins, Blot out all my guilt.

18. Stories of Israel

PSALM 78(77)

1. Come gath-er — round, my peo-ple, — A sto-ry I will tell —
 — Of God's deal-ings — in the past times — With his
 peo-ple Is - ra - el, — With his peo-ple — Is - ra - el. —

2. O, let me tell the stories
 Our fathers handed on
 So their children would remember
 When they were dead and gone,
 When they were dead and gone.

4. He told this to our fathers,
 He felt it best to warn:
 They had better tell their children,
 And the children not yet born,
 And the children not yet born.

6. So they won't be like their fathers.
 A stiff, rebellious race,
 A race whose heart was fickle,
 Who turned away their face,
 Who turned away their face.

8. They forgot the things he gave them,
 The wonders he has shown,
 The help he gave their fathers
 Down in Egypt's Plain of Zoan,
 Down in Egypt's Plain of Zoan.

10. He broke rocks in the desert
 So they could quench their thirst;
 From the rocks there gushed forth water
 Like from a thunderburst,
 Like from a thunderburst.

3. God's glories and his power,
 His saving works as well,
 And the strength he gave to Jacob
 And the Law to Israel,
 And the Law to Israel.

5. And tell the sons that follow
 That God's their only boss,
 They should not forget his doings,
 And keep each of all his laws,
 And keep each of all his laws.

7. Oh, Ephraim's mighty army
 Retreated from the fight.
 They had failed to keep God's treaty,
 And they foundered in his sight,
 And they foundered in his sight.

9. He broke the sea wide open,
 It stood to left and right;
 In the day a cloud would lead them,
 And a firebrand by night,
 And a firebrand by night.

11. And they still sinned in the desert,
 Becoming as before;
 They tested God's good mercy,
 Demanding even more,
 Demanding even more.

12. "It's true he gave us water
To help us bear the heat;
Only, how about some biscuits
And a little honest meat,
And a little honest meat?"
13. At this the Lord was angry
His anger burst to flame,
For they were no longer faithful
Nor trusted in his name,
Nor trusted in his name.
14. He burst the doors of heaven,
The rainclouds overhead;
Sent a thunderburst of manna:
He sent them heaven-bread,
He sent them heaven-bread.
15. They ate the bread of angels,
A meal for every mouth;
An eastwind blew from heaven,
Another from the south,
Another from the south.
16. Like dust it rained down dinner,
More quail than the sand;
On their tent and on their campground,
It covered all that land,
It covered all that land.
17. And so they filled their stomachs
With more than they could eat;
Then they turned back to their sinning
With their mouths still full of meat,
With their mouths still full of meat.
18. God's anger rose against them,
His overwhelming power;
And he killed their best and strongest:
Israel's bright flower,
Israel's bright flower.
19. And again they went on sinning,
They had so little faith;
Like a breath on some cold morning,
They quickly came to death,
They quickly came to death.
20. And then they searched in earnest,
Uncertain from the shock;
Now God was their Redeemer,
The Most High was their Rock,
The Most High was their Rock.
21. But soon they tried to flatter
With words they never meant,
For their hearts weren't truly with him
Nor with his Covenant,
Nor with his Covenant.
22. Yet he is filled with mercy,
And overlooked their sin;
And he held in check his anger
And spared their precious skin,
And spared their precious skin.
23. He forgave, for he remembered
That they were only men;
Just a simple breath that passes
Not to come again,
Not to come again.
24. And again they thought to test him;
Provoked the Holy One.
They forgot his saving actions
And the foes he saved them from,
And the foes he saved them from.
25. The miracles in Egypt,
Down in Zoan's Plain:
He polluted all the waters
With a red and bloody stain,
With a red and bloody stain.
26. Flies came to molest them,
He sent a swarm of frogs;
Crops went to the locust,
And they starved because of bugs,
And they starved because of bugs.
27. He sent the frost and hail
To crush the vines and trees;
The sheep and goats and cattle
Contracted a disease,
Contracted a disease.
28. He turned his anger on them
But spared the Israelite,
And a troop of deadly angels
Made visits through the night,
Made visits through the night.
29. He passed and did not spare them;
He struck the oldest child.
He struck all Egypt's firstborn,
The flowers of the Nile,
The flowers of the Nile.

30. He herded forth his people
Through desertland, like sheep;
And they feared not Pharoah's army,
Buried in the deep,
Buried in the deep.
31. And he led them to his country,
The mountain of his heart;
He chased out all the nations,
And gave them each a part,
And gave them each a part.
32. Though each tribe had their portion
To serve as their reward,
They tested and defied him
And disobeyed their Lord,
And disobeyed their Lord.
33. They were faithless like their fathers,
Like a bow you cannot trust;
Their mountain shrines provoked him,
Their idols all their lust,
Their idols all their lust.
34. And God was filled with anger,
Deserted Israel;
He left his tent in Shiloh
Where he once was pleased to dwell,
Where he once was pleased to dwell.
35. He let his ark be captive
Among the Philistine;
He let them crush his people,
He let his wrath be seen,
He let his wrath be seen.
36. The young men went to battles
The maidens lived alone;
The priests were found and slaughtered,
The widows made no moan,
The widows made no moan.
37. Then like a drunken soldier
Awaking as from sleep,
The Lord came up behind them
And sheared the foe like sheep,
And sheared the foe like sheep.
38. He ignored the tent of Joseph
And Ephraim's tribe as well,
But he picked the tribe of Judah
And Sion's tiny hill,
And Sion's tiny hill.
39. And he built a shrine like heaven,
He set it firm like rock,
And he chose his servant David
And took him from his flock,
And took him from his flock.
40. From the sheep he called the shepherd
To watch and guide his land,
To be shepherd for his people
With a wise and firm command,
With a kind and gentle hand.