

185. Petitions for Deliverance

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in five lines, each corresponding to a line of music. The first line of music is a single line, while the subsequent lines are staves with four parts. The lyrics are as follows:

1. In full as - su - rance of Thy grace To Thee my prayers as - cend; In
2. Pre - serve my sin - king soul, I pray, From tides of ha - tred save; Let
3. Be - cause Thy mer - cy, Lord, is good, O ans - wer me in grace, And
4. Hide not Thy face from my dis - tress, A spee - dy ans - wer send; Draw
5. Well known to Thee is my re - proach, My shame and my dis - grace; The

Thy a - boun - ding love and truth, O God, sal - va - tion send.
not the wa - ters o - ver - flow, Re - deem me from the grave.
in the rich - es of Thy love O turn to me Thy face.
near to me, my soul re - deem, From all my foes de - fend.
ad - ver - sa - ries of my soul Are all be - fore Thy face.

6. My heart is broken by reproach,
My soul is full of grief;
I looked in vain for comforters,
For pity and relief.

7. They gave me bitter gall for food,
And taunting words they spake;
They gave me vinegar to drink,
My burning thirst to slake.

8. Their peace and plenty be their snare,
In blindness let them grope;
Thy indignation on them pour,
And desolate their hope.

9. Because they proudly persecute
Those whom Thou, Lord, dost smite,
Let them be blotted from Thy book
And banished from Thy sight.