

201.A Vindication of God's Ways

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in C major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first four verses of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining verses. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The music features a variety of note values, including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and repeat signs.

1. God lov - eth the right - eous, His good - ness is sure, He ne - ver for -
2. The wick - ed are pros - pered and firm in their strength, No pangs do they
3. In gar - ments of boas - ting and vi - o - lence decked, With wealth more a -
4. Des - pi - sing God's peo - ple they cause them to drain The cup of op -

sak - eth the good and the pure; Yet once my faith fal - tered, I
suf - fer, though death come at length; They are not in trou - ble as
bun - dant than heart could ex - pect, They scoff, and the help - less they
pres - sion, in - jus - tice, and pain; They ques - tion God's know - ledge and

en - vied the proud, In doubt and dis - qui - et my spi - rit was bowed.
o - ther men are, The plagues of their fel - lows they view from a - far.
proud - ly op - press, The heav'n's and the earth they as - sume to pos - sess.
bold - ly de - fy The might and the jus - tice of God the Most High.

5. The wicked, grown wealthy, have comfort and peace,
While I, daily chastened, see troubles increase,
And, wronging God's children, I cried in my pain,
That clean hearts are worthless and pure hearts are vain.

6. I went to God's temple: my doubts were dispelled,
The end of life's journey I clearly beheld;
I saw in what peril ungodly men stand
With sudden destruction and ruin at hand.

7. As when one awaking forgetteth his dream,
So God will despise them, though great they may seem;
My envy was senseless, my grief was for nought,
Because I was faithless, and foolish my thought.