

272.Affliction and Appeal

1. Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry Have re-ady ac-cess un-to Thee;
2. At-tend, O Lord, to my de-sire, O haste to ans-wer when I pray,
3. My heart is wi-thered like the grass, And I for-get my dai-ly bread;
4. My foes re-proach me all the day, My drink is tears, my bread is grief,

When in dis-tress to Thee I fly, O hide not Thou Thy face from me.
For grief con-sumes my strength like fire, My days as smoke pass swift a-way.
In lone-ly grief my days I pass And sad my thoughts up-on my bed.
For in Thy wrath I pine a-way, My days are like a fa-ding leaf.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in 3/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in two systems, each with four lines of text corresponding to the four verses. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and lyrics.