

185. Petitions for Deliverance

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains five verses of lyrics, and the second system contains two verses. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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.