

## 189. Prayer for Help

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-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 four lines, each corresponding to a different voice part. The first line of lyrics is: '1. Make haste, O God, to save; To help me, Lord, make haste;'. The second line is: '2. They shall be put to shame That in my hurt de-light,'. The third line is: '3. All they that seek Thy face With joy in Thee a-bide,'. The fourth line is: '4. In need am I, and poor; O God, make haste, I pray;'. The score continues with a second system of music, which includes the lyrics: 'A shamed, con-foun-ded, they shall be Who would my life lay waste.', 'And back-ward in dish-o-nor turned, Their mock-ing to re-quite.', 'And, lo-ving Thy sal-va-tion, say, Let God be mag-ni-fied.', and 'Thou art my Sav-iour and my help, O Lord, make no de-lay.'.

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