

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 consumes 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 voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats), and the time signature is 3/4. The score consists of two systems. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. The piano accompaniment is written in the left hand, and the vocal parts are written in the right hand. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.