

289.The Unfailing Faithfulness of God

The musical score is written for three parts: Soprano, Alto, and Bass. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 corresponding to the first system of music.

1.O praise the Lord, His deeds make known, And call up - on His Name;
2.Let hearts re - joice that seek the Lord, His ho - ly Name a - dore;
3.Ye chil - dren of God's cov - e - nant, Who of His grace have heard,
4.The Lord our God is God a - lone, All lands His jud - gments know;
5.While yet our fa - thers were but few, So - jour - ners in the land,

Sing ye to Him, His prai - ses sing, His won drous works pro - claim.
Seek ye Je - ho - vah and His strength, Seek Him for e - ver - more.
For - get not all His won - drous deeds And jud - gments of His word.
His pro - mise He re - mem - bers still, While ge - ne - ra - tions go.
He sware that Ca - naan should be theirs, And made His co - venant stand.

6.He suffered none to do them wrong
In all their pilgrim way;
Yea, for their sake were kings reprov'd
And covered with dismay.

7.His stern command restrained their foes
And filled them with alarm:
Touch not My own anointed ones,
Nor do my prophets harm.

8.He wholly broke the staff of bread
And called for famine sore,
And He prepared His people's way
By sending one before.

9.Then Joseph, sold to slavery,
With cruel chains was bound;
Till his prediction came to pass,
Distress and grief he found.

10.The king released him from his bonds
And made him rule the land,
Subjecting chiefs and senators
To his controlling hand.

11.To Egypt Israel followed then,
And there grew great and strong,
Until their friends became their foes
And did them grievous wrong.

12.God sent His servant Moses then,
And Aaron, whom He chose;
Great signs and wonders they displayed
To terrify their foes.

13.In darkness they were taught to fear
God's great and holy Name;
On man and beast, on vine and field,
His awful judgment came.

14.He smote the firstborn in the land,
The chief of all their strength,
Enriched His people with the spoil
And brought them forth at length.

15.He led them forth in health and strength,
None weak in all their band,
And Egypt, filled with fear, rejoiced
To see them leave the land.

16.He spread a cloud to cover them,
Most glorious and bright,
And made a fiery pillar shine
To give them light by night.

17.At their request He sent them quails,
And bread of heaven bestowed;
And from the rock, to quench their thirst,
The living waters flowed.

18.His sacred word to Abraham
He kept, though waiting long,
And brought His chosen people forth
With joy and thankful song.

19.The lands and toil of wicked men
He gave them to possess,
That they might keep His holy laws;
Jehovah praise and bless.