

Thee, LORD, I Love; Thou Art My Shield

Based on Psalm 18:1-19

1. Thee, LORD, I love; Thou art my Strength and Pow - er.
 2. Death bound me with its dread - ed cords and racked me;
 3. *Then reeled the earth, its pil - lars rocked and qua - vered;*
 4. He rode up - on a cher - ub bright and splen - did;
 5. The LORD did speak, the heav - ens heard His thun - der;

My for - tress is the LORD, my Rock and Tow - er;
 The roar - ing floods of wick - ed - ness at - tacked me.
The deep found - a - tions of the moun - tains wa - vered.
 On wings of storm and wind the LORD des - cen - ded.
 His migh - ty voice tore clouds and sky as - un - der.

He, my De - liv - er - er, to Him I flee,
 I lay in death's en - tang - ling cords en - snared;
Be - cause the LORD was an - gry, they did quake;
 With dark - ness cov - ered was His maj - es - ty;
 He sent His ar - rows, scat - tered all His foes;

My Shield and Help - er, who will res - cue me.
 The grave con - front - ed me and I de - spaired.
They trem - bled when they saw His wrath a - wake.
 Clouds dark with wat - er were His can - o - py.
 His light - nings flashed, none dared His wrath op - pose.

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My Strong - hold and the Horn of my sal - va - tion,
 I called up - on the LORD my God to save me;
The smoke rose from His nos - trils, black and fright - ening,
 Light was His crown and bright - ness went be - fore Him,
 The o - cean's deep, the bed - rock of cre - a - tion,

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To Him I bring my praise and ad - or - a - tion.
 He saw my plight, His might - y help He gave me.
And from His mouth flashed scorch - ing fire and light - ning.
 Red fire and hail broke through the clouds that bore Him,
 Lay bare and dry, re - veal - ing earth's foun - da - tion.

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I call up - on the LORD; He hears my pleas,
 He from His tem - ple heard my voice and cry;
He bowed the hea - vens in His ang - er's heat,
 His thun - der roared and ech - oed through the sky;
 At Thy re - buke, O LORD, all stood a - ghist

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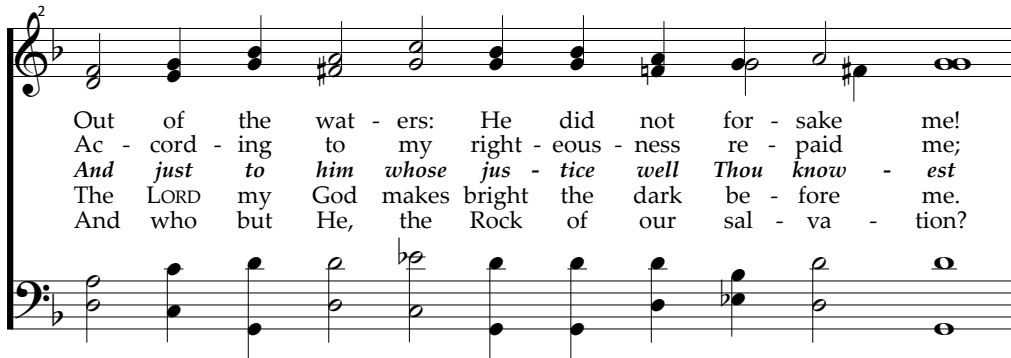
And I am saved from all my en - e - mies.
 They reached His ears, He an - swered from on high.
While clouds of dark - ness swirled a - round His feet.
 His might - y voice shook vale and moun - tain high.
 Be - fore Thy nos - trils' an - gry breath and blast.

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Cont'd, Psalm 18:20-36



6. From His high heav - ens He reached down to take me
7. The LORD re - ward - ed me, He saved and stayed me,
8. *Yea, mer - cy to the mer - ci - ful Thou show - est,*
9. Yea, Thou dost light my lamp, Thou shalt re - store me;
10. Who but our God is LORD of all cre - a - tion?



Out of the wat - ers: He did not for - sake me!
Ac - cord - ing to my right - eous - ness re - paid me;
And just to him whose jus - tice well Thou know - est
The LORD my God makes bright the dark be - fore me.
And who but He, the Rock of our sal - va - tion?



He saved me from my fier - cest en - e - my
For my clean hands and for my in - no - cence
Art Thou, O LORD, whose wrath none can en - dure,
With Thee I crush a troop and con - quer all,
He who with strength and pow - er gird - ed me



And from my ha - ters much too strong for me.
He did with gifts and grace me re - com - pense.
And with the pure Thou show - est Thy - self pure.
And with my God I scale the high - est wall.
Made safe my way; my ha - ters cringe and flee.

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In my cal - am - i - ty they came up - on me;
 I've kept His ways, He there - fore did re - store me;
The cun - ning man shalt Thou out - do in cun - ning,
 The way of God is per - fect, truth a - vail - ing,
 Ex - ult in songs, praise Him with harp and cym - bal;

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But for the LORD, their on - slaught had un - done me.
 His stat - utes and His laws have stood be - fore me.
For with Thy boun - ties shall be o - ver - run - ning
 His word is tried and prov - en, nev - er fail - ing.
 He made my feet like hinds' feet, swift and nim - ble.

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He came to res - cue and to set me free,
 I kept my - self from all in - iq - ui - ty;
The cup of those who hum - bly fear Thy name,
 A shield for those who with Him ref - uge take
 God is with me, my en - em - ies He smites;

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For He, the LORD my God, de - lights in me.
 For this the LORD has now re - ward - ed me.
But haugh - ty eyes Thou bring - est down to shame.
 Is He, our God, whose pow - er none can shake.
 I am se - cure, He puts me on the heights.

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Cont'd, Psalm 18:37-50

11. O LORD, Thy hand and pow - er shall sus - tain me,
12. LORD, when I met my en - em - ies in bat - tle
13. *Thou mak - est all my en - em - ies to leave me;*
14. *Me hast Thou saved from strife and prov - o - ca - tions*
15. The LORD does live, I bless Him with e - la - tion;
16. For this, O LORD, I will a - mong the na - tions

And for the day of bat - tle Thou dost train me
I drove them off, they fled like fright - ened cat - tle.
I have de - stroyed the men who hate and grieve me
And made the head of oth - er tribes and na - tions.
Ex - alt - ed be the rock of my sal - va - tion,
Ex - tol Thy Name and bring Thee my ob - la - tions,

So that my arms can bend the strong - est bow;
In my pur - suit I o - ver - took them all;
And all who for my doom and down - fall crave.
I'm served by peo - ple whom I've ne - ver known,
The God who gave me ven - geance, who sub - dued
And prais - es to Thy name I glad - ly sing:

With Thee my en - em - ies I'll o - ver - throw.
I rout - ed them, de - light - ing in their fall.
They cried for help, but there was none to save.
And for - eign - ers came crin - ging to my throne,
The peo - ples un - der me in ser - vi - tude.
Great tri - umphs He has giv - en to His king.

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Thou gav - est me the shield of Thy sal - va - tion,
 I thrust them through, they stag - gered and they stum - bled;
I beat them fine, to wind - blown dust I pound - ed
For when they heard of me, they all o - beyed me.
 Thou didst ex - alt me when my foes dis - graced me;
 His stead - fast love He shows to His a - noin - ted,

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And Thy right hand up - held my place and sta - tion;
 Be - neath my feet they lay, pros - trate and hum - bled.
The men who with - out cause my life have hound - ed.
Be - cause Thou with Thy glo - ry hast ar - rayed me.
 A - bove my ad - ver - sa - ries hast Thou placed me.
 To Da - vid, now to Is - rael's throne ap - poin - ted.

7

Thy help has made me glo - ri - ous and great;
 Me Thou didst gird with strength my foes to meet,
Gone is their pride, their boast, and their con - ceit;
Strange na - tions left their strong - holds, weak with fear,
 From men of vi - o - lence and cru - el - ty,
 To all his gen - e - ra - tions with - out end

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I did not slip; my path was wide and straight.
 Made my as - sail - ants sink be - neath my feet.
I cast them out like ref - use of the streets.
And trem - bling they be - fore my throne ap - pear.
 From all my foes didst Thou de - liv - er me.
 Shall He, the LORD, His faith - ful - ness ex - tend.