

# PSALM 3

South Florida Psalter - NIV 2011

Key: B Major Time: 4/4 Tempo: 143 BPM

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## [INTRO]

B

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## VERSE 1

B

F#

Lord, how many are my foes!

G

How many rise up against me!

D#

Many are saying of me,

B

"God will not deliver him."

## VERSE 2

F#

B

But you, Lord, are a shield around me,

G

D#

my glory, the One who lifts my head high.

C#

I call out to the Lord,

F#

and he answers me from his holy mountain.

## CHORUS

B

F#

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I lie down and sleep; I wake again,

B

because the Lord sustains me.

G

I will not fear though tens of thousands

D#

assail me on every side.

## BRIDGE

C#

F#

Arise, Lord! Deliver me, my God!

B

Strike all my enemies on the jaw;

G

break the teeth of the wicked.

D#

From the Lord comes deliverance.

## OUTRO

B

F#

May your blessing be on your people.

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## NOTES & ANALYSIS

**Source Audio**      Psalm 3 (South Florida Psalter)

**Duration**          4:22 (262 seconds)

**Text**                NIV 2011

**Analysis Method**   Chroma feature detection

**Detected Chords**    B, F#, G, C#, D#

### Chord Functions:

- **B (tonic)**            Primary key center - appears at 0s, 25s, 30s, 55s
- **F# (dominant)**       Strong cadence points - appears at 15s, 30s, 45s, 55s
- **G (subdominant)**    Pre-dominant function - appears at 20s, 40s
- **C# (mediant)**       Bridge/emphasis sections - appears at 10s, 35s, 45s
- **D# (submediant)**    Transitional color - appears at 10s, 25s, 40s, 50s

### Structure:

- **Verse 1**              Establishes the complaint/foes (vv. 1-2)
- **Verse 2**              Shifts to confidence in God (vv. 3-4)
- **Chorus**               Emphasizes rest and sustenance (v. 5-6)
- **Bridge**               Calls for deliverance (v. 7)
- **Outro**                Affirms blessing (v. 8)

### Performance Tips:

- **Moderate energy at 143 BPM**
- **B Major requires attention to 5 sharps (F#, C#, G#, D#, A#)**
- **Consider capo on 4th fret using G shapes for easier guitar**
- **Build dynamics from plaintive opening to bold declaration**