

How They Grieved Him in the Desert

From Psalm 78:40–55

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the bass part providing harmonic support. The lyrics are from Psalm 78:40-55, with some lines in italics. The score is divided into three systems, each with a system number (16, 41, 42) in the left margin. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some lines spanning across measures.

16. ⁴⁰How they grieved Him in the de - sert, Ev - er read - y to re - bel—
17. They for - got His signs in E - gypt, When from hardship they were saved,
18. ⁴⁶*He gave E - gypt's crops to lo - custs, And the swarms ate all their store.*
19. ⁴⁹*E - gypt felt His in - dig - na - tion, Dread hos - til - i - ty and wrath.*
20. ⁵¹All the first - born sons of E - gypt In the tents of Ham He struck.
21. ⁵⁴To His ho - ly land He brought them, To the hills seized by His hand;

41 Vexed the Ho - ly One and test - ed The great God of Is - ra - el!
44 When to blood He turned its riv - er, Mak - ing foul the drink they craved.
47 *Freez - ing rain de - stroyed their fig trees, And the hail their vine - yards tore.*
By His an - gels of de - struc - tion ⁵⁰For His rage He made a path.
52 But from there He led His peo - ple Through the de - sert like a flock.
55 He drove na - tions out be - fore them, And as - signed to them their land,

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42, 43 They for - got His won - ders shown To them in the fields of Zoan.
45 God sent swarms of flies to bite, Hordes of frogs their land to blight.
48 *Hail - stones bat - tered all their stock; Light - ning bolts their cat - tle struck.*
Ev'n from death He did not spare; Mor - tal plague He made them bear.
53 Fear - less, they were safe - ly led; In the sea their foes lay dead.
Where, as their in - her - it - ance, Is - rael's tribes found res - i - dence.

Music: Edward Henry Thorne (1834–1917); alt.

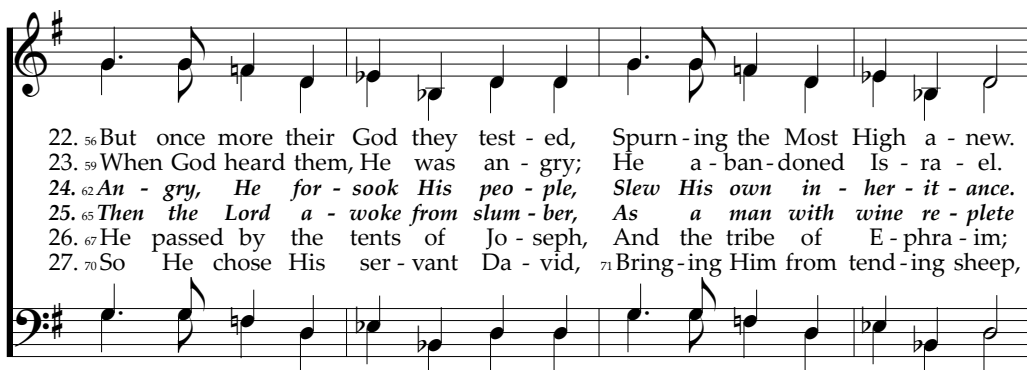
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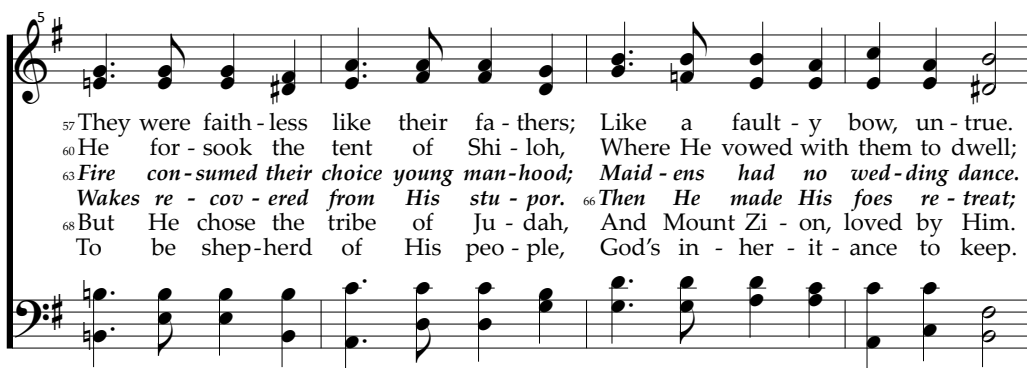
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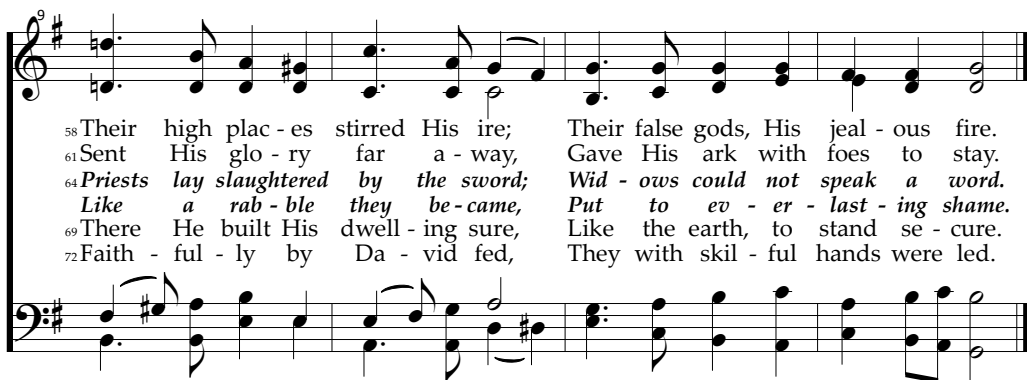
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22. ⁵⁶ But once more their God they test - ed, Spurn - ing the Most High a - new.
23. ⁵⁹ When God heard them, He was an - gry; He a - ban - doned Is - ra - el.
24. ⁶² An - gry, He for - sook His peo - ple, Slew His own in - her - it - ance.
25. ⁶⁵ Then the Lord a - woke from slum - ber, As a man with wine re - plete
26. ⁶⁷ He passed by the tents of Jo - seph, And the tribe of E - phra - im;
27. ⁷⁰ So He chose His ser - vant Da - vid, ⁷¹ Bring - ing Him from tend - ing sheep,



⁵⁷ They were faith - less like their fa - thers; Like a fault - y bow, un - true.
⁶⁰ He for - sook the tent of Shi - loh, Where He vowed with them to dwell;
⁶³ Fire con - sumed their choice young man - hood; Maid - ens had no wed - ding dance.
⁶⁴ Wakes re - cov - ered from His stu - por. ⁶⁶ Then He made His foes re - treat;
⁶⁸ But He chose the tribe of Ju - dah, And Mount Zi - on, loved by Him.
To be shep - herd of His peo - ple, God's in - her - it - ance to keep.



⁵⁸ Their high plac - es stirred His ire; Their false gods, His jeal - ous fire.
⁶¹ Sent His glo - ry far a - way, Gave His ark with foes to stay.
⁶⁴ Priests lay slaughtered by the sword; Wid - ows could not speak a word.
Like a rab - ble they be - came, Put to ev - er - last - ing shame.
⁶⁹ There He built His dwell - ing sure, Like the earth, to stand se - cure.
⁷² Faith - ful - ly by Da - vid fed, They with skil - ful hands were led.