

I Said, "My Ways Now Let Me Guard"

From Psalm 39

The musical score is written for a single voice and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems. The first system contains the first 12 lines of the lyrics. The second system contains the remaining lyrics. The piano accompaniment is simple, using chords and single notes to support the vocal melody. The lyrics are written in a standard font, with some words in italics for emphasis. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. ¹I said, "My ways now let me guard, That I may not sin a - gainst You,
2. ²I spoke no word, and sor-row grew; ³With burn - ing soul I turn to
3. ⁵*Though life is short and men are vain,* ⁶*Who la - bor but for wealth and*
4. ⁹Re-move from me Your heav - y hand; ¹⁰A - gainst You let me no more
5. ¹²O LORD, give ear and hear my cry! No more be si - lent to my

⁸Lord; When wick-ed men sur-round me hard, Please guard my mouth, O Lord!"
You: ⁴"LORD, make me know what I must do T'live this brief life for You."
gain. ⁷Lord, res - cue me from sin and pain. ⁸Take from me ev - 'ry stain!
¹¹stand. ¹¹Re - prove me by Your firm com - mand—How brief the life of man!
sigh! ¹³Look glad-ly on me with Your eye Through life, un - til I die.

Music: John Price (Beulah) (1857–1930)

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