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Be Gracious unto Me, O God

From Psalm 56

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are from Psalm 56, with some verses in italics. The score is divided into three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system covers verses 1-6, the second system covers verses 3-13, and the third system covers verses 2-11. The final measure of the third system is a double bar line.

1. ¹Be gra - cious un - to me, O God, For man would me de - vour;
2. Be - cause a - gainst me man - y are Who fight from plac - es high,
3. ⁵*All day they wrest my words; their thoughts Toward me are filled with hate.*
4. *In an - ger, God, cast peo - ples down In what they un - der - took.*
5. ⁹My foes shall, when I cry, turn back, I know; God is for me.
6. ¹²My vows to Thee I'll pay, O God; Thank - of - f'ings bring to Thee.

He fights a - gainst me all day long, Op - press - ing by His pow'r.
³The day I fear I'll trust in Thee. ⁴God's Word I'll mag - ni - fy.
⁶*They meet, they lurk, they mark my steps, As for my soul they wait.*
⁸*Thou num - ber - est my wan - der - ings, Not one dost o - ver - look.*
¹⁰In God—I'll praise His Word; the Lord—His Word my praise shall be!
¹³For Thou from death didst save my soul, My feet from fall - ing free;

²My foes are watch - ing day and night That they may me de - vour.
In God I trust. What can flesh do? Of that no fear have I.
⁷*In there in - deed es - cape for them With wick - ed - ness so great?*
With - in Thy bot - tle put my tears; Are they not in Thy book?
¹¹In God I've trust - ed, I'll not fear What man can do to me.
I'll walk be - fore God in the light Of those that liv - ing be.

Music: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, II, 1813
Text: *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, 1973 ©

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