

Once I Said, "I Must Keep Quiet"

From Psalm 39 portions

1. ¹Once I said, "I must keep quiet Lest I sin in
 2. ⁴"LORD, are You re - veal - ing lim - its, How my days look
 3. ⁷"Why, O Lord, must I keep wait - ing When my hope is
 4. ¹⁰"But, my Lord, Your heav - y bur - den Wears me out and
 5. ¹²"Can You see, LORD, I am cry - ing? Do not spurn my

harsh dis - pute. Just to see the wick - ed near me An - gers
 in Your sight? ⁵Just a breath and fleet - ing shad - ow Slip - ping
still in You? ⁸*Keep me, Lord, from sin and trou - ble, From the*
 weighs me down. ¹¹All Your dis - ci - pline for sin - ning Hurts and
 sore un - rest. I pass by like those be - fore me, Yet I

me, but I stay mute." ³Yet I could not hold my fu - ry,
 by in use - less flight? Yes, I know our lives are frag - ile,
wrong I would pur - sue. Save me from the fool's loud laugh - ter—
 bows me to the ground. Must You eat a - way my treas - ures
 claim to be Your guest! ¹³No more sad - ness— give me glad - ness,

Burned to vent my sharp cri - tique; Then at last, I had to speak:
⁶That we seem to work in vain— All we have is oth - ers' gain.
⁹I was *si - lent; I for - got: You con - trol my trou - bled lot.*
 Like a moth? I'm but a breath. Are You fac - ing me with death?
 Be my hope be - fore I cease. Lord, dear Lord, I beg for peace."