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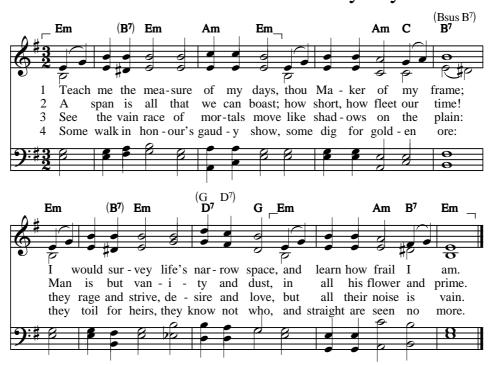
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- 5 "For you rebuke and punish men for their iniquity. You, like a moth, consume their wealth; each man is vanity. O LORD, please listen to my prayer and hear my cry for aid; do not be deaf to the appeal which I with tears have made.
- 6 "For as your guest I stay a while. I'm like my fathers all —
 a stranger and a pilgrim here.
 Have mercy when I call.
 O turn away your eyes from me.
 Let me rejoice again
 before I finally depart
 and here no more remain."

39b Teach me the measure of my days



- 5 What should I wish or wait for then, from creatures, earth and dust? They make our expectations vain, and disappoint our trust.
- 6 Now I forbid my carnal hope, my fond desires recall; my mortal interest I give up, and make my God my all.

Text: Psalm 39:4–7. Isaac Watts, 1719, alt. Tune: Dick L. van Halsema, 1954, *Psalter Hymnal*, 1957