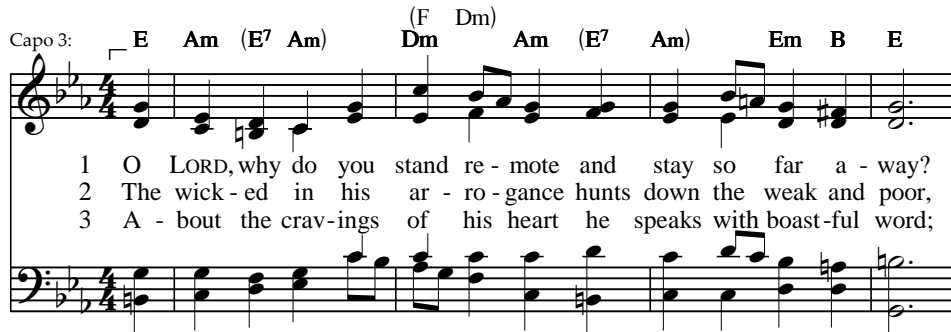


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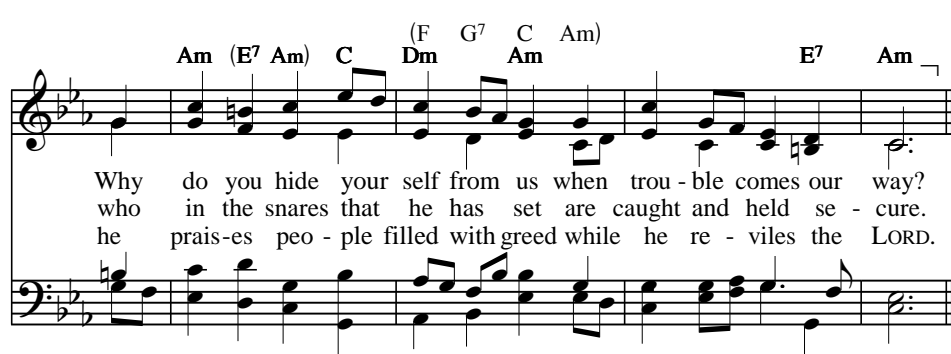
10 O LORD, why do you stand remote?

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1 O LORD, why do you stand re-mote and stay so far a-way?
 2 The wick-ed in his ar-ro-gance hunts down the weak and poor,
 3 A-bout the crav-ings of his heart he speaks with boast-ful word;

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Why do you hide your self from us when trou-ble comes our way?
 who in the snares that he has set are caught and held se-cure.
 he prais-es peo-ple filled with greed while he re-viles the LORD.

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| 4 The wicked does not seek the LORD
because he is so proud,
and in his inmost thoughts there is
no room at all for God. | 7 The wicked's mouth is always full
of curses, threats and lies;
evil and trouble from his tongue
continually arise. |
| 5 His ways are always prosperous;
he strikes a haughty pose.
He keeps his distance from your laws;
he sneers at all his foes. | 8 He lies in wait near villages
his victims' blood to spill;
he lurks in secret ambushes
the innocent to kill. |
| 6 He reassures himself and says,
"No threat will topple me –
I will be happy evermore;
from trouble I'll be free." | 9 Like lions crouching secretly
he waits for helpless prey.
He pounces on the weak and poor;
his net drags them away. |

O LORD, why do you stand remote?

- 10 His victims by his strength are crushed;
his prey collapse and fall.
He thinks, "God does not notice it;
he does not see at all."
- 11 Arise, LORD God, lift up your hand;
do not forget the poor.
Why does the wicked say of God,
"My conduct he'll ignore"?
- 12 But you, O God, do see such wrong
and you will bring redress.
The victim puts his trust in you;
you help the fatherless.
- 13 LORD, break the wicked person's power
and call him to account
for all the evil which he thought
would never be found out.
- 14 The LORD will ever reign as King;
his throne will always stand.
The heathen nations of the world
will perish from his land.
- 15 O LORD, the needy ones' desire
you answer from on high;
you give encouragement to them
and listen to their cry.
- 16 For you defend the fatherless
and those who are oppressed,
so that from fear of mortal man
the helpless may have rest.