

May God arise

Capo 3: Em (B Em) Am B C Em B Em

1 May God a - rise and may his foes be scat-tered far and put to flight.
 2 But may the right-eous all be glad; may they re - joice and sing a - loud.
 3 A fa - ther to the fa - ther - less, of wid - ows' rights the cham - pi - on,

B Em (B Em) Am B Em (D) G (C G) D G

As smoke is blown be - fore the wind so may your foes be blown from sight.
 Sing praise to God, sing to his name; ex - tol the One who rides the cloud.
 is God with - in his ho - ly place; he gives a home to those for - lorn.

(D) Em (Bm C Am) B Em Am Em B Em

As wax is melt - ed by the fire may they be - fore God's wrath ex - pire.
 For he a - lone is named the LORD - with joy all praise to him ac - cord.
 He leads the cap - tives forth with song; to reb - els bar - ren wastes be - long.

4 When you, O God, went out and led
 your people through the desert plain –
 when through the wilderness you marched,
 earth shook and heaven poured down rain
 before the God of Sinai's hill,
 before the God of Israël.

6 The Lord announced his sovereign word;
 a mighty crowd took up the shout,
 and many women spread the news:
 "See kings and armies put to rout!
 They leave the fruits of battle's toil;
 at home the women share the spoil.

5 O God, with showers you refreshed
 your heritage so dry and bare.
 And so your people settled down
 and made their habitation there.
 And from your overflowing store
 you made provision for the poor.

7 "Although in open camp you sleep,
 adorned with silver are your wings;
 my dove, your feathers shine like gold."
 When God Almighty scattered kings,
 the land became like Zalmon steep
 when on its slopes the snow lies deep.

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- 8 See Bashan's mountains rising high;
steep and majestic are its hills.
Why view in envy, rugged heights,
the hill where God forever dwells?
The mountain where he chose to reign –
there will the LORD himself remain.
- 9 The mighty char-i-ots of God
in tens of thousands now appear;
surrounded by unnumbered hosts,
the Lord himself is drawing near.
From Sinai he has come to fill
his sanctuary on Zion hill.
- 10 When you ascended up on high,
you led out captives after you.
From people you accepted gifts,
from those who once were rebels too.
And so, O LORD God, you have come
to dwell in Zion as your home.
- 11 Praise to the Lord, our Saviour God;
our burdens daily he relieves.
Of our salvation he is God;
in truth he is a God who saves.
The Sovereign LORD defeats the grave;
he has the power from death to save.
- 12 The Lord will crush his enemies' heads,
the skulls of those who practise sin.
"From Bashan I will bring them down,
and from the sea's depths bring them in,
that you may plunge your feet in blood,
which dogs will lick up as their food."
- 13 The great procession comes in view –
the entry of my God and King
into the holy sanctuary.
Leading them all are those who sing;
then girls with tambourines appear;
musicians follow in the rear.
- 14 In the assembly praise the LORD
and let God's praise be heard among
the gathered tribes of Israël.
See Judah's princes in a throng,
in front the tribe of Benjamin,
then Naphtali and Zebulun.
- 15 Your glorious power call forth, O God;
show us the strength at your command,
as you have done for us of old.
The kings of earth, from every land,
will bring their gifts to you in fear,
and worship at your temple here.
- 16 Rebuke the beast from Egypt's reeds,
the bulls with calves from every land;
may they with shame their tribute bring.
Disperse the tribes that war demand.
Let Egypt's envoys come to God,
and Cush bow down before the Lord.
- 17 O realms of earth, sing to the Lord,
to him who has his throne on high;
all kingdoms, join in praise to God,
whose chariot rides the ancient sky.
Now listen: he sends out his word,
a mighty thundering voice is heard.
- 18 Proclaim the mighty power of God,
whose glory shines on Israël;
his strength is awesome in the heavens
and in the place he comes to dwell.
His people, Israel, God will raise
to strength and might. To God be praise!