

PSALM

# 44 O God, we have heard

Capo 3: **Em B Em Bm C (F#°) B Em**

1 O God, we have heard and our fa - thers have told  
 2 They gained not the land by the edge of their sword;  
 3 O God, you a - lone are for - ev - er my King;

what won - ders you did in the great days of old.  
 their own arm to them could no safe - ty af - ford.  
 com - mand and for Ja - cob de - liv - er - ance bring.

The na - tions were crushed and ex - pelled by your hand;  
 'Twas your arm, your right hand, the light of your face,  
 Through you we will sure - ly put down all our foes;

you plant - ed our fa - thers to dwell in the land.  
 for you showed them fa - vour, your won - der - ful grace.  
 through your name we'll tram - ple on all who op - pose.

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- 4 No trust will I place in my sword or my bow,  
for you are my Saviour from hater and foe.  
In God we will boast, for you put them to shame,  
all day and forever we'll praise your great name.
- 5 But now you forsake us, to shame bring our boasts,  
no more into battle accompany our hosts.  
You make us turn back from our foe in dismay,  
and these our opponents have made us their prey.
- 6 You give us like sheep to be slaughtered for food,  
among all the nations dispersed and pursued.  
You sell off your people to strangers for naught;  
their price to your treasury no increase has brought.
- 7 You make all our neighbours reproach us in pride,  
and cause those around us to scoff and deride.  
The nations revile us and joke at our name;  
they taunt and they threaten; I always know shame.
- 8 This happened though we had been faithful to you;  
we always have been to your covenant true.  
Our heart has not turned back, our steps have not strayed,  
though made like a ruin and under death's shade.
- 9 If we had forgotten the name of our God  
or worshipped an idol, would God then not know?  
for he knows the secrets in everyone's heart;  
so why do we face death all day for your sake?
- 10 We're thought to be destined for slaughter like sheep.  
Awake, O defender! for why do you sleep?  
Rise up! Don't forget us forever, we plead.  
O why hide your face from our sorrow and need?
- 11 Our lives are all broken, we're brought very low;  
our bodies lie crushed on the ground in our woe.  
Rise up! Be our helper! Redeem from the dust,  
because in your covenant mercy we trust.