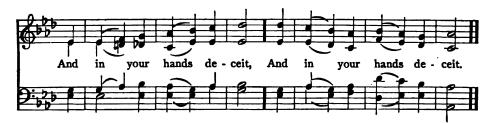
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- 2 The wicked, from their earliest days, In sin are gone astray, With froward heart, in foolish pride, From wisdom turned away.
- 3 The God of vengeance will destroy
 The wicked from His sight;
 The Lord will bring to nought their
 power
 And scatter all their might.
- 4 The good shall triumph and rejoice, And this shall be confessed: On earth the God of justice reigns, And righteousness is blessed.

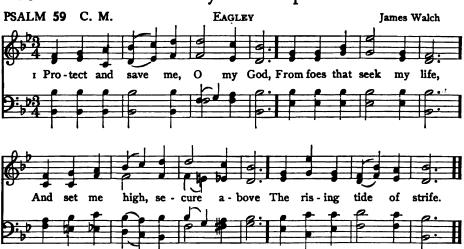


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A Cry for Help



- 2 The workers of iniquity
 Against me lie in wait;
 Though I am innocent, O Lord,
 They gather in their hate.
- 3 Behold their wickedness, O Lord, To help me, O awake; Lord God of Hosts, Thou, Israel's God, Arise, and vengeance take.
- 4 My enemies with deadly rage Renew their fierce attack; They think the Lord will not regard, But Thou wilt turn them back.
- 5 O God, my strength, on Thee I wait, To Thee for refuge flee; My God with mercy will defend, Triumphant I shall be.

- 6 O God, our shield, let wickedness And pride be put to shame, Till all shall know that Thou dost rule And all shall fear Thy Name.
- 7 Let wickedness that raged in power Now rage in impotence;
 But I will glory in Thy strength, My refuge and defense.
- 8 When all the night of woe is past And morning dawns at length, Then I shall praise Thy grace, O God, My refuge and my strength.
- 9 To Thee, O God most merciful, My thankful song I raise; My might, my strong, secure abode, I will proclaim Thy praise.