

78A My People Give Ear, Attend To My Word

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1. My peo - ple, give ear, at - tend to my word,
 2. In - struct - ing our sons, we glad - ly re - cord
 3. Let chil - dren thus learn from his - to - ry's light
 4. The sto - ry be told, to warn and re - strain,
 5. God's won - der - ful works to them He had shown,

6. In par - a - bles new deep truths shall be heard;
 The prais - es, the works, the might of the LORD,
 7. To hope in our God and walk in His sight,
 Of hearts that were hard, re - bel - lious, and vain,
 8. His mar - vel - ous deeds their fa - thers had known;

9. The won - der - ful sto - ry our fa - thers made known
 10. For He has com - mand - ed that what He has done
 The God of their fa - thers to fear and o - bey,
 11. Of sol - diers who fal - tered when bat - tle was near,
 12. He made for their path - way the wat - ers di - vide,

13. To chil - dren suc - ceed - ing by us must be shown.
 Be passed in tra - di - tion from fa - ther to son.
 14. And ne'er like their fa - thers to turn from His way.
 Who kept not God's cov - enant nor walked in His fear.
 15. His glo - ri - ous pil - lar of cloud was their guide.

6. ¹⁵He gave them to drink, relieving their thirst,
And forth from the rock caused water to burst;
¹⁷Yet faithless they tempted their God, and they said,
¹⁸Can He Who gave water supply us with bread?
7. ²¹Jehovah was wroth because they forgot
²²To hope in their God, and trusted Him not;
²³Yet gracious, He opened the doors of the sky
²⁴And rained down the manna in richest supply.
8. ²⁵With bread from on high their need He supplied,
And more did He do when thankless they sighed;
²⁶The strong winds commanding from south and from east,
²⁷He sent them abundance of quail for their feast.
9. ²⁹Though well they were filled, their folly they chose,
³¹Till God in His wrath o'erwhelmed them with woes;
He slew of their strongest and smote their young men,
³²But still unbelieving they sinned even then.
10. ³³Because of their sin He smote with His rod,
³⁴And then they returned and sought for their God;
³⁵Their Rock and Redeemer was God the Most High,
³⁶Yet false were their praises, their promise a lie.
11. ³⁷Not right with their God in heart and in will,
They faithlessly broke His covenant still;
³⁸But He, in compassion, reluctant to slay,
Forgave them and oft turned His anger away.
12. His pity was great, though often they sinned,
³⁹For they were but flesh, a swift passing wind;
Yet though His compassion and grace they beheld,
⁴⁰They tempted and grieved Him and often rebelled.
13. ⁴¹They limited God, the Most Holy One,
And hindered the work His grace had begun;
⁴²The hand that was mighty to save they forgot,
The day of redemption remembering not.