

10A Why Standest Thou Afar, O LORD

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1. ¹Why stand - est Thou a - far, O LORD,
 2. Let their de - vi - ces work their fall,
 3. ⁴The wick - ed thinks, in fool - ish pride,
 4. ⁶Un - moved by fear of com - ing doom,
 5. ⁹A li - on crouch - ing for his prey,

Why art Thou hid in trou - ble's hour?
 3 For in their shame is all their pride;
 There is no God Who will re - pay;
 7 On fraud and the wick - ed - ness in - tent,
 He waits the poor to o - ver - throw;

2 The wick - ed per - se - cute the poor
 And while they seek un - right - eous gain
 5 He has no fear of God or man
 8 With craft he lurks and waits to catch
 11 He thinks that God re - mem - bers not,

In haugh - ty pride and reck - less pow'r.
 The LORD of jus - tice is de - fied.
 Be - cause God's judg - ments long de - lay.
 The help - less and the in - no - cent.
 Or hides His face and will not know.

6. ¹²Arise, O LORD, lift up Thy hand,
O God, protect the poor and meek;
¹³Why should the proud Thy justice doubt,
And words of bold defiance speak?
7. ¹⁴O Lord, Thou wilt indeed requite,
The sin and sorrow Thou dost see;
The helpless and the fatherless
Commit themselves, O Lord, to Thee.
8. ¹⁵Break Thou the pow'r of wicked men
And let their works no longer stand;
¹⁶The LORD is King for evermore,
Who drove the nations from His land.
9. ¹⁷LORD, Thou hast heard the lowly prayer,
The fainting heart Thou wilt restore,
¹⁸The helpless cause Thou wilt maintain,
That mortal man may boast no more.