

Psalm 91

A Clean Heart

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Piano

He thathath

The first system of music features a piano accompaniment in 4/4 time, G minor, and 6/8 meter. The right hand plays a melody of eighth notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords. The lyrics "He thathath" are positioned to the right of the piano part.

Violin

Vcello

The violin and vcello parts for the first system are mostly rests, with some notes appearing in the final measure of the system.

Pno

made his re - fuge God shall find a most se - cure a - bode, Shall walk all

The second system of music continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics "made his re - fuge God shall find a most se - cure a - bode, Shall walk all" are written below the piano part.

Vln

Vc

The violin and vcello parts for the second system feature a melodic line in the violin and a supporting bass line in the vcello.

Pno

day be - neath his shade, and there at night shall rest his head. Then will I

The third system of music continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics "day be - neath his shade, and there at night shall rest his head. Then will I" are written below the piano part.

Vln

Vc

The violin and vcello parts for the third system continue the melodic and bass lines from the previous system.

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Pno

say, "My God, thy pow'r shall be my for - tress and my tow'r; I, that am

Vln

Vc

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Pno

formed of fee-ble dust, make thine al - migh - ty arm my trust."

Vln

Vc

2. Thrice happy man! thy Maker's care
shall keep thee from the fowler's snare;
Satan, the fowler, who betrays
unguarded souls a thousand ways.
Just as a hen protects her brood
from birds of prey that seek their blood,
Under her feathers, so the Lord
makes his own arm his people's guard.

3. If burning beams of noon conspire
to dart a pestilential fire,
God is their life, his wings are spread
to shield them with a healthful shade.
If vapors with malignant breath
rise thick, and scatter midnight death,
Isr'el is safe; the poisoned air
grow pure, if Isr'el's God is there.

4. What though a thousand at thy side,
at thy right hand ten thousand died,
thy God his chosen people saves
among the dead, amid the graves.
So when he sent his angel down
to make his wrath in Egypt known,
and slew their sons, his careful eye
passed all the doors of Jacob by.

5. But if the fire, or plague, or sword,
receive commission from the Lord
to strike his saints among the rest,
their very pains and deaths are blest.
The sword, the pestilence, or fire,
shall but fulfil their best desire,
from sins and sorrows set them free,
and bring thy children, Lord, to thee.