

# The LORD Is My Refuge

— PSALM 18 —

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CAPO II

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1. The LORD is my ref-uge He's my for-tress and shield I call up-on Him All my  
en - e - mies yield\_ Yes, I called on the LORD The An - cient of Days  
My Rock and my Strength, my De - liv - er - er\_  
De - serv - ing of\_\_ all praise\_\_

2. The cords of death around me  
Ruinaton on my head  
The pains of hell within me  
Left me for dead  
And I called on the LORD  
I cried in my distress  
He heard me from up in His temple  
And He answered my request

4. The heavens roared with thunder  
From a blast of His breath  
Smoke went up from His nostrils  
The skies were painted in death  
The sea gave up her secrets  
Laid her foundations bare  
He chased them all down with His arrows  
Led them right into His snare

3. Then the earth shook and trembled  
And the mountains were rocked  
Fire rained in the heavens  
When His wrath was unlocked  
He mounted the wings of His cherub  
And bowed the heavens down  
Deep darkness was swirling around Him  
Hot flames licked up the ground

5. The LORD reached down from heaven  
Took me up in His arms  
Drew me out of deep waters  
And He saved me from harm  
He's been my strong salvation  
In great calamity  
He brought me out into green pastures  
For He delighted in me

6. I've set the LORD before me  
Kept all His commands  
And He has well rewarded  
My pure heart and clean hands  
I have kept the ways of God  
I have not strayed from His side  
The wicked keep moving and shifting  
But with Him I will abide
7. To the kind He is kind  
To the pure He is pure  
To the upright He's blameless  
And all His mercies are sure  
But to the crooked and proud  
They only know His dread  
He saves a humble people  
But He kills them wicked dead
8. You light up my lamp  
You chase away my night  
Though a host should come against me  
I'll be filled with Your might  
My God, His way, it is perfect  
And every word of His is true  
My LORD, You're a shield and a refuge  
For every man who trusts in You
9. Who is God, but the LORD?  
Is there a rock like You?  
If You train my hands for war  
What can my enemies do?  
You set my feet securely  
I'm like a deer upon the heights  
I bend back my bow of solid bronze  
And set the wicked in my sights
10. Your salvation's my shield  
And my support is Your hand  
My feet won't slip or stumble  
In such a broad and stable land  
Your gentleness and mercy  
It's what has made me great  
Your way is sure before me  
And all my paths are good and straight
11. I'll run down my foes  
They will all be consumed  
When they see me coming  
They'll know that they are doomed  
And though they cry out for help  
Still they'll fall beneath my feet  
To the wind I'll scatter their ashes  
And drag their bodies through the streets
12. You've delivered me from strife  
Put the nations in my sway  
And though they have not known me  
I know that they'll obey  
They come to me and they tremble  
Down on their hands and on their knees  
I receive them into my service  
I'm accepting of their pleas
13. The LORD is my refuge  
And blessed be my Rock  
A good and faithful Shepherd  
Who saves His little flock  
He delivers us from evil  
And takes away our enemies  
He rescues us from the violent  
And puts our restless hearts at ease
14. I'll praise You to the heathen  
Declare to them Your fame  
You bring Your king salvation  
And Jesus is His name  
And now I'll praise His name forever  
And bring to Him my offerings  
Jesus loves and cares for His children  
He's our gracious King of kings