

The LORD Is My Refuge

REAL KEY

— PSALM 18 —

♩ = 87, swing ♪s

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with an A7 chord and contains a triplet of eighth notes. The second staff features a D7 chord. The third staff has A7 and E7 chords. The fourth staff has D7 and A7 chords. Lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words underlined. There are several rests and slurs throughout the piece.

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

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

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

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