

Be Gracious unto Me, O God

Psalm 56

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1. Be gra-cious un-to me, O God, For man would me de-vour;
2. Be-cause a-gainst me man-y are Who fight from plac-es high,
3. *All day they wrest my words; their thoughts Toward me are filled with hate.*
4. *In an-ger, God, cast peo-ples down In what they un-der-took.*
5. *My foes shall, when I cry, turn back, I know; God is for me.*
6. *My vows to Thee I'll pay, O God; Thank-off'r-ings bring to Thee.*

He fights a-gainst me all day long, Op-press-ing by his power.
The day I fear I'll trust in Thee. God's word I'll mag-ni-fy.
They meet, they lurk, they mark my steps, As for my soul they wait.
Thou num-ber-est my wan-der-ings, Not one dost o-ver-look.
In God I'll praise His word; the LORD—His word my praise shall be!
For Thou from death didst save my soul, My feet from fall-ing free;

My foes are watch-ing day and night That they may me de-vour.
In God I trust. What can flesh do? Of that no fear have I.
Is there in-deed es-cape for them With wick-ed-ness so great?
With-in Thy bot-tle put my tears; Are they not in Thy book?
In God I've trust-ed, I'll not fear What man can do to me.
I'll walk be-fore God in the light Of those that liv-ing be.