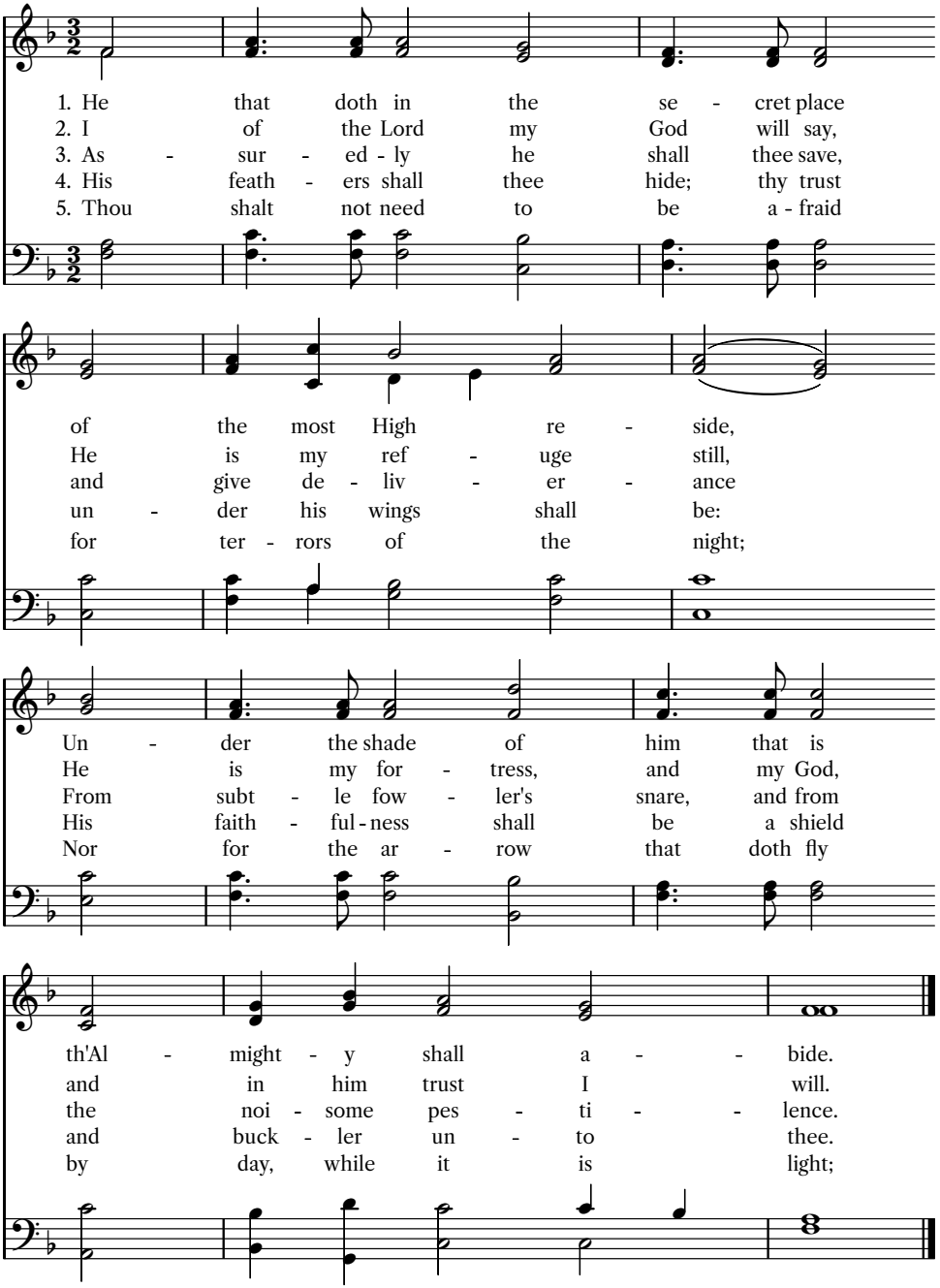He That Doth in the Secret Place



6. Nor for the pestilence, that walks
in darkness secretly;
Nor for destruction, that doth waste
at noon-day openly.

7. A thousand at thy side shall fall,
on thy right hand shall lie
Ten thousand dead; yet unto thee
it shall not once come nigh.

8. Only thou with thine eyes shalt look,
and a beholder be;
And thou therein the just reward
of wicked men shalt see.

9. Because the Lord, who constantly
my refuge is alone,
Ev'n the Most High, is made by thee
thy habitation;

10. No plague shall near thy dwelling come;
no ill shall thee befall:
For thee to keep in all thy ways
his angels charge he shall.

11. They in their hands shall bear thee up,
still waiting thee upon;
Lest thou at any time should'st dash
thy foot against a stone.

12. Upon the adder thou shalt tread,
and on the lion strong;
Thy feet on dragons trample shall,
and on the lions young.

13. Because on me he set his love,
I'll save and set him free;
Because my great name he hath known,
I will him set on high.

14. He'll call on me, I'll answer him;
I will be with him still
In trouble, to deliver him,
and honour him I will.

15. With length of days unto his mind
I will him satisfy;
I also my salvation
will cause his eyes to see.

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